

Recent research on risks from...

LIVING NEAR BUSY ROADS OR TRAFFIC POLLUTION



Who is at risk, and what might the risks be?

BABIES

- weigh less at birth
- born early (premature)
- have problems with behavior, learning or autism



PREGNANT WOMEN

- pregnancy problems
- high blood pressure



CHILDREN

- asthma
- hospital for asthma
- ear, nose, throat infections
- smaller lungs
- obesity



ADULTS

- heart disease
- stroke



TEENAGERS

- smaller lungs for life if exposed since early childhood



SENIORS

- heart attacks
- lung problems
- memory problems
- shorter life



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WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Join a group that is working to reduce air pollution.

Consider biking instead of driving for trips close to home.

Carpool to school or work or use public transit.

Support building more public transit (such as buses and rail lines) so that fewer people have to use cars.

Support producing cars and trucks that are electric or use cleaner fuels to reduce tailpipe emissions.

Learn more about pollution in your own community.

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