# Air pollution

Air pollution is now a common concern worldwide. It is a leading cause of damage to the environment and public health. Air pollution is a change in the composition of the atmosphere due to smoke, dust, fumes, industrial chemicals, or toxic gases, which result in climate change, global warming, and acid rain and can adversely affect human health or damage the natural environments of many other species.

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In Vietnam, especially in big cities like Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City, the total amount of dust is continually increasing, keeping the air quality index constantly at an alarming level; on average, it is two to three times higher than the permitted level and tends to remain high. The sources of air pollution in large urban areas are mostly traffic emissions, construction work, road building, and factories. Hanoi is second only to New Delhi, India, for the world's dirtiest air.

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Air pollution is a cause of high blood pressure, stroke, birth defects, and a range of breathing problems and respiratory diseases, such as asthma, pneumonia, and even lung cancer.

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What does air pollution cause?

How many cities have dirtier air than Hanoi?