

Children's Health & the Environment

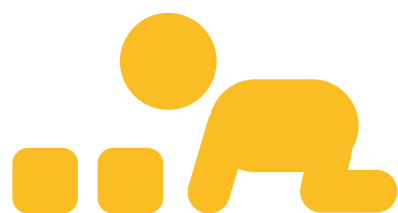
ALL CHILDREN NEED CLEAN AIR AND WATER, SAFE FOOD AND PRODUCTS, AND HEALTHY PLACES TO LIVE, LEARN AND PLAY.

Focus on children because:

Children have higher exposures to harmful substances because they eat, drink, and breathe proportionately more than adults.

An infant breathes more than 2 times faster than an adult.

Higher & Unique Exposures



A mother's exposures may pass to her child during pregnancy and through her breastmilk. Children's behaviors, such as crawling and putting fingers in their mouths, also increase risk of exposure.

Greater Risk of Harm



Children's bodies are still developing. Exposure to toxic chemicals—before and after birth—can cause serious and permanent harm to a child's health and development.

Children tend to show signs of severe lead toxicity at lower levels than adults.

Children from low wealth communities and communities of color are exposed to more pollution.

They may also lack access to quality health care and have other risk factors for poor health.

Some Children Face Higher Risk



76% of residents in a 3 mi radius of the 12 worst polluting power plants in the U.S. are non-white.

Increased Illness



1 in 4 U.S. children (ages 2-8) has a chronic condition.



34%

of all children's health issues are the result of environmental factors that could be prevented or changed.

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