

Invisible, polluted, dirty, unhealthy air in your workplace!



GET IT SORTED!

Check out the 'Workers Guide to **action** on indoor workplace air pollution.'

The air we breathe at work is likely to be full of harmful dust, dirt, gases, chemicals and microbes and is often ignored because we can't see it with our eyes - until there's a bad smell or someone gets ill that is.

Our government's own health advisers say this is a huge problem causing ill health and even many deaths and which is just not being addressed.

Use this **free guide** produced by the **Trade Union Clean Air Network (TUCAN)** to investigate the problem and help get your boss to clean up their air act.

Scan the QR code to access the full report.

If you cannot scan the QR code our full report can be accessed here:

Trade Union Clean Air Network (TUCAN):
greenerjobsalliance.co.uk/air-pollution/





What can you do?

Get active:



1. Ask your colleagues if they feel there's a problem.
2. Are any likely air pollutants being investigated or monitored? (including equipment or activities that give off dust, fumes or gases?)

3. Ask your employer about ventilation –

- a. is there enough ventilation for those present in the space to keep CO₂ below 800ppm?
- b. is there a mechanical ventilation system?
 - i. if there is, is it checked and maintained regularly and does it work properly?
 - ii. Does it provide fresh air through a filter or just re-circulate the air already in your workplace?
 - iii. Are the filters high efficiency?

- c. Are there fans which force air movement and can windows be opened?
- d. If your employer isn't doing or won't do this then investigate yourself with our help:

- Are COSHH risk assessments carried out?
- Do your own air monitoring for particles and check CO₂ levels
- What are the sickness patterns at work?
- What is the policy for sick leave for airborne diseases?
- Are people fully paid when off sick? Is there a bullying back-to-work sickness review in place?
- Is any PPE provided to protect against airborne risks and is it the right type and replaced when used?

Trade union health and safety reps –

use your legal rights to investigate, talk to members, question your employer, get the issue of indoor air pollution on the agenda of your health and safety committee.

