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Use the Air Quality Health Index to Protect Yourself from Local Air Pollution

In Toronto, it is estimated that every year 1,700 early deaths and 6,000 hospitalizations are associated with poor air quality. An online tool, the **Air Quality Health Index**, is available to help individuals protect their health and the health of people in their care. The Air Quality Health Index reports air quality in relation to your health on a scale from 1 to 10. The higher the reading, the greater the health risk and need to take precaution.

The Air Quality Health Index helps you make informed decisions about when to enjoy the benefits of physical activity and when to reduce or reschedule your activities. Visit www.toronto.ca/health/aqhi for more information.

Protect your health. Know the numbers.

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