



In Poland air pollution is currently the biggest problem.

This is due to the public lack of awareness that the worse fuels they use to heat their homes, the worse the quality of the air is.

#### WHAT IS AIR POLLUTION?

The release of harmful materials into the atmosphere by human and natural activities.

Air pollution occurs when the air contains gases, dust and fumes in harmful amounts.

The substances that cause air pollution are called **pollutants.** 

## WHAT IS SMOG?SMOKE + FOG = SMOG

Smog is a combination of several air pollutants that form smog. They are released in the air when fuels are burnt. In the case of Poland, especially in Silesia solid fuels (coal and firewood) other pollutants in Poland come from industry and transport.

So the problem increases when winter comes in Poland and people burn coal for heat.

#### AIR POLLUTION IN KATOWICE

In Katowice they point to the very poor state of air quality.

According to data from the Provincial Inspectorate for Environmental Protection in Katowice, emissions from household chimneys account for about 55% of air pollution.

Industrial emissions and car exhausts - 35%.

The problem only occurs in winter when cheap polluted coal and garbage are put in to domestic stoves.

#### OUR SCHOOL HAS A SMOG METER

## The results on 2 nd November

#### Stan powietrza

 $PM_{2.5}$ 

PM<sub>10</sub>

Temperatura

Wilgotność

Ciśnienie

Na zewnątrz

23.63 µg/m<sup>3</sup>

 $26.25 \mu g/m^3$ 

11.12°C

98.40%

993.67 hPa

Ocena



**Partner** 



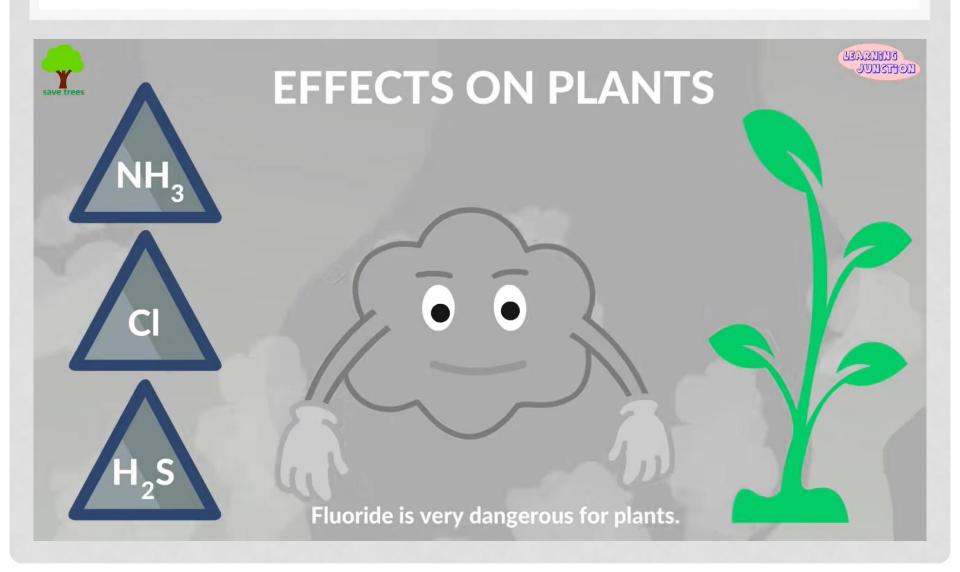
#### WHAT CAUSES THE AIR POLLUTION?



#### **NEGATIVE EFFECTS**



#### IT EFFECTS THE VEGETATION OF PLANTS

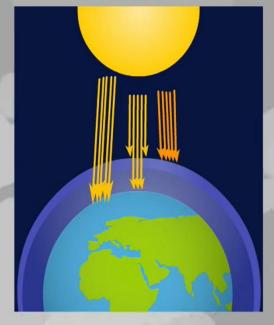


#### IT INTENSIFIES ...



## **EFFECTS ON ATMOSPHERE**





**Ozone Layer Decay** 



**Greenhouse Effect** 



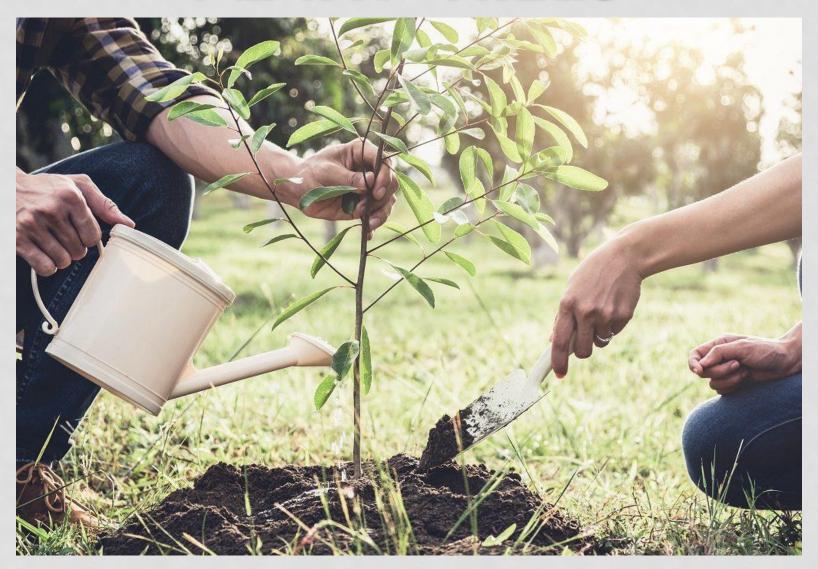
**Global Warming** 



# DEFORESTATION



# PLANT TREES





## CAR EXHAUST



## USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT



# WALK OR RIDE A BIKE WHENEVER YOU CAN



#### OUR ADVICES TO DEAL WITH SMOG

- 1. Check the daily reports.
- 2. When air pollutions levels are high, avoid prolonged outdoor activities.
- 3. Avoid outdoor exercise when smog is in the air.
- 4. Invest in a smog mask.
- 5. Also invest in an air purifier with a HEPA filter.
- 6. You can fight to reduce air pollution by reducing household waste, recycling, or for example cycling.
- 7. Eat a lot of vitamins and take care of your body.
- 8. Equip your apartment with plants.
- 9. Do not ventilate your apartment too often.