

Public Health Advisory

Air quality advisory for Kimmirut

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Kimmirut, Nunavut

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The Department of Health advises Kimmirut residents that air quality is being monitored due to an ongoing dump fire, and warns against exposure to smoke.

Smoke exposure can irritate your eyes, make breathing difficult and worsen chronic heart and lung diseases. Those at higher risk include Elders, pregnant women, children, and individuals with respiratory or heart issues.

To reduce your exposure to smoke:

- Avoid the area around the fire.
- Avoid strenuous outdoor activities and stay indoors with windows and doors closed.
- Use fans to stay cool, if needed.
- Use a free-standing indoor air filter, if available.
- Avoid burning candles or anything that adds to indoor pollution.
- Limit the use of exhaust fans when not cooking.

If anyone is experiencing more serious symptoms, such as chest pain or difficulty breathing, go to the local health centre immediately.

Air quality monitoring updates will follow as soon as they are available.

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