

# AIR QUALITY STANDARDS



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# AIR POLLUTION CAUSES

Major natural and human-made sources of air pollution include transportation, wildfires, and industrial activities



- Transportation is one of the leading sources of air pollution, contributing to smog formation, respiratory problems, and climate change. Urban areas with heavy traffic are especially affected by transportation-related air pollution.
- Factories, power plants, and other industrial facilities release pollutants into the air, leading to the formation of acid rain, smog, and greenhouse gases, all of which have detrimental effects on the environment.

Wildfires, whether naturally occurring or human-induced, are a significant source of air pollution. The particulate matter from wildfires is particularly harmful as it can be inhaled deeply into the lungs, causing respiratory and cardiovascular issues.

# REDUCING AIR POLLUTION



- Widespread adoption of EVs can lead to cleaner air. Moreover, if the electricity used to charge these vehicles comes from renewable sources, the environmental benefits are even greater.
- Planting trees is an effective natural method to combat air pollution. Also, green spaces provide oxygen, reduce heat in urban areas, and enhance the overall quality of life.

# BEST PRACTICES FOR TACKLING POLLUTION



Cycling can lead to a big reduction in traffic congestion, improving physical health, and decreasing noise pollution.

Public transport can carry many passengers at once, significantly reducing the number of individual vehicles on the road.

