

Climate Justice and You

The health risks and impacts of climate change are not equally distributed across people and communities. Individuals with pre-existing health conditions, low-income households, and people living in neighborhoods with fewer health-promoting resources are more vulnerable to climate impacts. This activity identifies some factors that may make people either more likely to be affected by climate change impacts or better able to withstand these impacts.

Please place a sticker on a square if you answer “yes” to any of the questions below.

Do you -- or someone in your household -- have allergies or asthma?	Do you have water stored that you could use if water were not available from your tap?	Do you have a plan for what you would do in case of an emergency?	Is there a place you could go in your neighborhood that would be cool in a heat wave?	Do you know of a place in your neighborhood where people could gather in an emergency?
Does someone in your household have a car?	Do you know your neighbors well enough to help each other out if needed?	Does your street flood in heavy rain?	Do you rent the place you live in?	Do you know an elderly person who lives alone?
In case of a flood or other disaster, do you have someplace to stay outside of your neighborhood?	Does someone in your household have limited mobility?	Do you live in an upstairs unit?	Can you speak another language?	Do you belong to -- or work with -- a strong neighborhood association or community group?
Is the air in your neighborhood pretty polluted a lot of the time?	Do you work outdoors?	Does your electricity sometimes shut off in a storm?	Does your workplace or classroom have air conditioning?	Do you -- or someone in your household -- have diabetes or heart disease?
Do you have enough money saved to draw upon if you missed a paycheck?	Is there a food bank in your community?	Is there someone in your household who would be afraid to call for help in an emergency?	Is public transit in your neighborhood affordable and reliable?	Does your neighborhood have lots of pavement but not a lot of trees?