# UNDERSTANDING CANADA'S AIR QUALITY HEALTH INDEX



#### **LOW RISK**

General Public: Enjoy outdoor activities.

At Risk Population: Enjoy outdoor activities.



## **MODERATE RISK**

**General Public:** No need to modify outdoor activities unless symptoms such as coughing or throat irritation occur.

**At Risk Population:** Consider reducing or rescheduling strenuous outdoor activities if experiencing symptoms.



## HIGH RISK

**General Public:** Consider reducing or rescheduling strenuous outdoor activities if symptoms such as coughing or throat irritation occur.

**At Risk Population:** Reduce or reschedule strenuous outdoor activities. Children and the elderly should take it easy.



#### **VERY HIGH RISK**

**General Public:** Reduce or reschedule strenuous outdoor activities, especially if symptoms such as coughing or throat irritation occur.

**At Risk Population:** Avoid strenuous outdor activities. Children and the elderly should avoid outdoor physical exertion.

"At Risk Populations" include people with heart or breathing problems.