CLIMATE CHANGE AND CHILDREN’S HEALTH

CLIMATE CHANGE IS NOT IN SOME FAR OFF FUTURE. IT IS HAPPENING NOW, AND OUR CHILDREN’S HEALTH IS AT RISK. HERE ARE 6 WAYS CLIMATE CHANGE HURTS OUR HEALTH.

1. ASTHMA

SMOG, ON THE RISE AS TEMPERATURES CLIMB, CAN TRIGGER ASTHMA ATTACKS AND INTERFERE WITH LUNG DEVELOPMENT. CHILDREN SUFFER THE MOST FROM THE HEALTH IMPACTS OF SMOG POLLUTION.

2. ALLERGIES

CLIMATE CHANGE HAS INCREASED THE LENGTH AND SEVERITY OF POLLEN SEASONS. POLLEN SEASON HAS ALREADY LENGTHENED BY 2 WEEKS SINCE 1995.

3. HEAT-RELATED ILLNESS

SCIENTISTS PREDICT GLOBAL TEMPERATURE INCREASES OF 2-11°F BY THE END OF THIS CENTURY. HEAT CAUSES PROBLEMS SUCH AS HEAT RASH, DEHYDRATION, HEAT EXHAUSTION, AND DEADLY HEAT STROKE.

4. DISASTER-RELATED INJURIES

STRONGER AND MORE FREQUENT HURRICANES, TYPHOONS, TORNADOES, AND FLOODS, WILL INCREASE THE RISK OF INJURY, DEATH, AND DROWNING IN WEATHER EMERGENCIES.

5. INSECTS

A WARMING WORLD INCREASES THE RANGE OF MANY INSECTS, INCLUDING THE TICKS AND MOSQUITOES THAT CARRY LYME DISEASE AND WEST NILE VIRUS.

6. FOOD INSECURITY

DROUGHT, EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS, LIMITED AVAILABILITY OF FRESH WATER, RISING TEMPERATURES, AND CHANGES IN THE RANGE OF INSECT PESTS WILL ALL IMPACT THE GLOBAL FOOD SUPPLY.

WHAT CAN MOMS AND DADS DO ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE?

SOLUTIONS ARE AT HAND – BUT PARENTS NEED TO DEMAND THEM. TELL YOUR LAWMAKERS TO USE THEIR LEADERSHIP TO AVERT THIS GLOBAL DISASTER. REMEMBER, THEY WORK FOR YOU.

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