# PARTICULATE MATTER What is it?



PM is a range of particles of dust, dirt and liquids in the air. Some you can see such as smog, smoke or soot. The most harmful are smaller, invisible particles.

Types of PM	Size
PM 1	less than 1 micron
PM 2.5	less than 2.5 microns
PM 10	less than 10 microns

## WHERE does it come from?

- 1. Transport
- 2. Fires
- 3. Power plants
- 4. Farming
- 5. Dust storms
- 6. Volcanoes

## H<sup>o</sup>W is it measured?

## PM is difficult to detect without special equipment.

The Airthings indoor air quality sensors provide real-time information in your classroom so you know when PM is in the air.



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Warning 35µg/m³ or more

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 It can cause asthma in young people and makes some health conditions worse, including stroke, heart and lung disease in older people.

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## WH<sup>o</sup> is affected and how?

### Everyone can be affected by PM.

- It can irritate your eyes, nose, ears and throat.
- It can trigger asthma and allergies.

