

Report about child and adolescent health and the environment released

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A report about how conditions in the environment may affect child and adolescent health has been released by the Norwegian Institute of Public Health. The following factors are described in the report; childhood and

living conditions, injuries and accidents, physical environmental factors, obesity and health-related behaviour.

The report was commissioned by the Ministry of Health and Care Services.

National strategy for children and adolescents

The report follows up the national strategy for child and adolescent health and the environment introduced in 2007-2016 by the Ministry of Health and Care Services together with seven other ministries in 2006/2007. The strategy highlights the environmental and health challenges that matter most to children and adolescents in Norway.

The national strategy specifies five target areas. The first four coincide with the target areas in an international action plan, while the fifth, which deals with social factors, is unique to Norway:

1. Ensure safe water supply and proper sanitation for all children and adolescents.
2. Prevent accidents and injuries and promote physical activity through transport systems that promote safety and accessibility.
3. Ensure that children have access to clean air, both inside and outside.
4. Protect children, [adolescents](#) and pregnant women against hazardous substances, noise and other environmental hazards.
5. Reduce the risk of disease due to social environmental factors.

The [report](#) focuses on the indicators that are relevant to the five target areas listed above and is not intended to be a complete overview of every indicator within child and [adolescent health](#).

More information: Children's Health and the Environment – Risk and Health-Promoting Factors (English summary):

www.fhi.no/artikler/?id=118968

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