



**KICK  
THE  
HABIT.**

**TURN YOUR  
ENGINE OFF  
WHEN WAITING.**

**SAVE MONEY, FUEL +  
PROTECT YOUR ENGINE**

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# **AIR POLLUTION IS THE TOP ENVIRONMENTAL RISK TO HUMAN HEALTH IN THE UK, AND THE FOURTH GREATEST THREAT TO PUBLIC HEALTH AFTER CANCER, HEART DISEASE + OBESITY.**

**IT MAKES US MORE SUSCEPTIBLE  
TO RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS AND  
OTHER ILLNESSES.**

**ONE OF THE THINGS WE CAN ALL DO TO  
LIMIT AIR POLLUTION IS TO TURN OFF OUR  
VEHICLE ENGINES WHEN WAITING AND  
ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO DO THE SAME.**

**THIS IS ESPECIALLY  
IMPORTANT AND EFFECTIVE IN AREAS  
SUCH AS BUSY ROADS, OUTSIDE SCHOOLS  
AND HOSPITALS WHERE CHILDREN AND  
PATIENTS ARE MOST VULNERABLE, AND  
AT PUBLIC PLACES LIKE BUS STOPS AND  
TRANSPORT INTERCHANGES.**

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**IF YOU'RE  
WAITING FOR  
MORE THAN  
ONE MINUTE  
TURN YOUR  
ENGINE OFF.**

**WHETHER  
QUEUING IN  
TRAFFIC OR  
PARKED UP  
TURNING  
YOUR ENGINE  
OFF IS THE  
SIMPLEST WAY  
TO REDUCE  
ANY POLLUTION  
YOUR VEHICLE  
MAY BE  
MAKING.**

**YOU'LL SAVE FUEL  
+ MONEY WHILST  
HELPING IMPROVE  
THE AIR QUALITY FOR  
YOURSELF AND THOSE  
AROUND YOU.**

**WHAT  
YOU  
CAN DO.**



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**IDLING IS RUNNING  
YOUR VEHICLE  
ENGINE WHEN YOU  
DON'T NEED TO.**

**EXCESSIVE IDLING  
LETS WATER  
CONDENSE IN THE  
VEHICLE'S EXHAUST  
SYSTEM, WHICH CAN  
LEAD TO CORROSION.**

**WITH MODERN  
VEHICLES,  
THE COST OF  
SWITCHING OFF  
THE ENGINE AND  
STARTING UP  
AGAIN AFTER A  
MINUTE OR MORE  
WILL BE LESS  
THAN THE COST  
OF LEAVING THE  
ENGINE IDLING  
AND PRODUCES  
LESS POLLUTION.**

**IDLING WEARS  
ENGINE  
COMPONENTS  
OUT QUICKER  
THAN STARTING  
+ STOPPING.**

**EXCESSIVE IDLING IS  
A WASTE OF FUEL AND  
MONEY AND CAUSES  
POOR HEALTH.  
STOPPING VEHICLE  
IDLING WHENEVER WE  
CAN IS AN EASY WAY  
TO HELP IMPROVE  
AIR QUALITY AND THE  
HEALTH OF EVERYONE  
AROUND US.**

**AN IDLING  
ENGINE WILL  
LEAVE FUEL  
RESIDUES THAT  
CAN DAMAGE  
ENGINE  
COMPONENTS.**

**IN COLD WEATHER  
HEATERS WILL STILL  
PROVIDE WARM AIR FOR  
UP TO AN HOUR EVEN  
WITH THE ENGINE OFF.**

**IDLING CAUSES SPARK PLUGS TO  
BECOME DIRTIER MORE QUICKLY.  
THIS CAN CAUSE AN INCREASE IN  
FUEL CONSUMPTION BY 4 TO 5%.**

# THE FACTS

**MODERN BATTERIES  
DON'T NEED YOU TO  
KEEP THE ENGINE ON  
ALL THE TIME.**

**THE HIGHWAY  
CODE STATES  
THAT 'YOU MUST  
NOT LEAVE A  
PARKED VEHICLE  
UNATTENDED  
WITH THE ENGINE  
RUNNING OR  
LEAVE A VEHICLE  
ENGINE RUNNING  
UNNECESSARILY  
WHILE THE  
VEHICLE IS  
STATIONARY ON  
A PUBLIC ROAD'.**

**YOU COULD BE FINED UP TO £20 IF YOU  
REFUSE TO TURN YOUR ENGINE OFF WHEN  
ASKED BY A COUNCIL OFFICER.**

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