Long-term exposure to polluted air causes:

* Accelerated aging of the lungs
* Loss of lung capacity and decreased lung function
* Development of diseases such as asthma, bronchitis, emphysema, and possibly cancer
* Shortened life span
* Aggravated cardiovascular and respiratory illness
* Added stress to heart and lungs, which must work harder to supply the body with oxygen
* Damaged cells in the respiratory system

The most common health issues from air pollution people suffer are:

* Heart disease
* Coronary artery disease
* Asthma
* Emphysema