

# Air Ionisers



**PROJECT  
SAFEGUARD**

**Reduce aerosols from the air in poorly ventilated spaces**

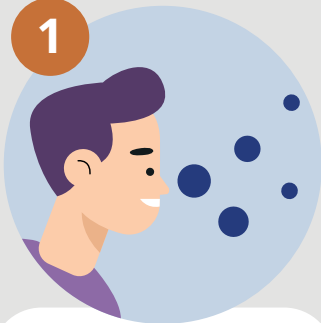


Inactivates viruses (>97%), allergens, mould and germs<sup>1</sup>



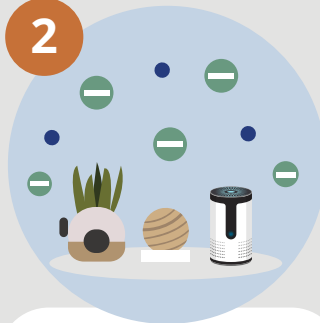
<sup>1</sup>Ionising air affects influenza virus infectivity and prevents airborne transmission (2015), taken from Scientific Reports

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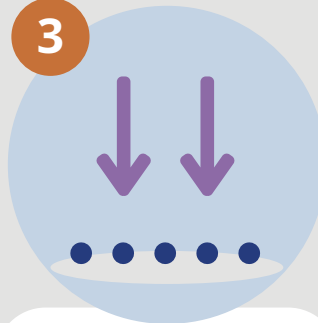
Speech droplets disperse into **tiny droplets known as aerosols**

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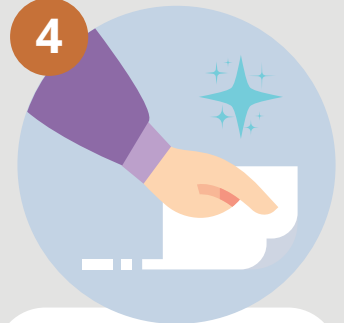
Ionisers **generate negative ions** into the air

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**Charge up aerosol particles**, causing them to **stick to surfaces**

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Viruses can be killed by **disinfecting high-touch surfaces frequently**

## Plant and Natural Fibre Ionisers



Generate up to a million times more negative ions than a normal plant



Produces negligible ozone



Environmentally friendly



May generate static charge when touching the plant<sup>2</sup>



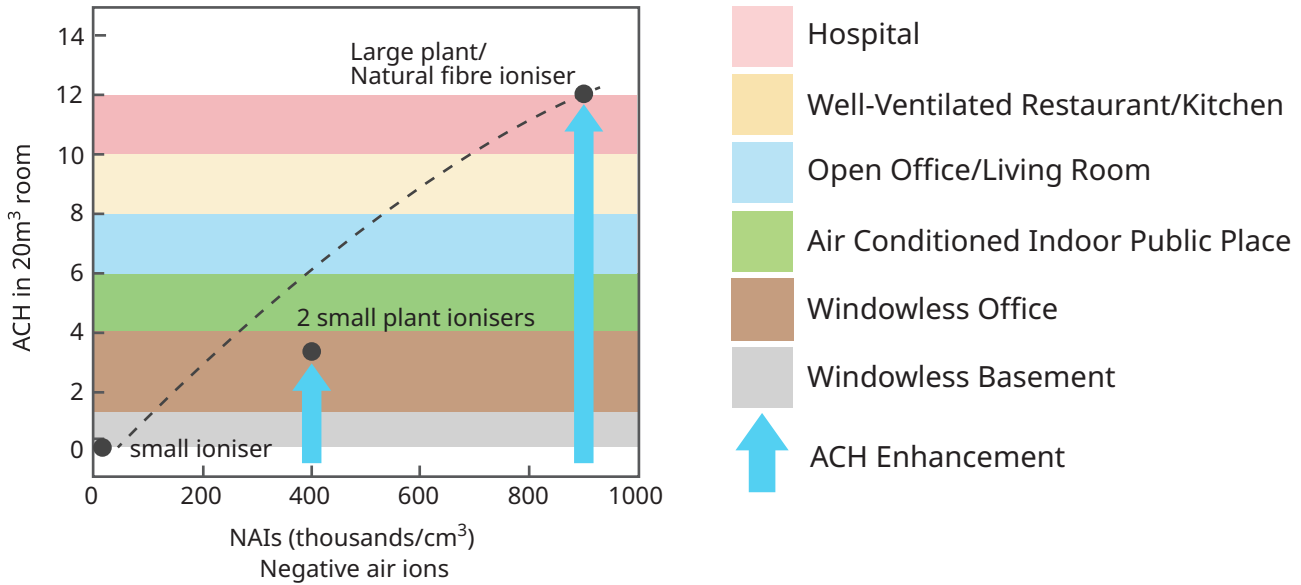
Made of natural coconut fibres  
Produces no static shock

<sup>2</sup>Note the difference between static and electric charges; a static charge is safe even if uncomfortable, while an electric charge is not

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## Air Changes per Hour (ACH)



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends a **minimum ACH of 6** for patient-care areas including hospitals<sup>2</sup>

A large plant or a natural fibre ioniser in a 20m<sup>3</sup> room achieves an **ACH over 12**, which exceeds ventilation requirements for hospitals, to reduce the spread of aerosols

**Clean air delivery rate (CADR)**, a common specification in many ionisers/air purifiers, refers to the capacity to deliver clean air in indoor spaces

A **large plant or a natural fibre ioniser** with CADR of 240 m<sup>3</sup>/hour will create ACH of **24** in a 10 m<sup>3</sup> room, but will only achieve ACH of **12** in a 20 m<sup>3</sup> room

An **air purifier** with CADR of 100 m<sup>3</sup>/hour will create ACH of **10** in a 10 m<sup>3</sup> room, but will only achieve an ACH of **5** in a 20 m<sup>3</sup> room

<sup>2</sup>Guidelines for Environmental Infection Control in Health-Care Facilities (2003), taken from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

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