



AIR QUALITY INFO CARD

Guide for Exposure to Oil & Hydraulic Fluid Fumes

FUMES are odorous chemicals in the air (not visible); some just unpleasant, others can make you sick. Even if there is no visible smoke/haze, you should still pay attention. Some fumes coming from the air vents contain carbon monoxide which can immediately cause headache, dizziness, fatigue, etc. Other types of symptoms can be delayed.

Quickly **IDENTIFY** where fumes are coming from - air vents or something in the cabin?

- If coming from something in the cabin, address directly.
- If coming from air vents, it could be oil or hydraulic fluid fumes which can contain carbon monoxide and other chemicals which can make you sick. Oil fumes often smell like dirty socks. Hydraulic fumes often smell acrid.

If fumes are coming from the vents, **REPORT** to the pilots:

1. What it smells like
2. Where in the cabin
3. When it started, and
4. Whether anyone has symptoms.
5. If symptoms, request that EMTs meet the flight.

TAKE OXYGEN if you have the symptoms including headache, dizziness, fatigue, etc.

REPORT events that make you sick to your supervisor and get medical attention.

DOCUMENT what happened by completing company paperwork, notifying AFA, and keeping a log of your symptoms.

For more information or questions on fumes:

- Contact your AFA MEC Safety and Health Chair via email or phone.
- Or, contact AFA Intl. Safety and Health: Judith@afanet.org or 206-932-6237.