

# Frequently asked questions on soil and air quality around Grenfell Tower

**Q**

**Is the air around Grenfell Tower safe to breathe?**

**A**

Like many parts of London, the air quality around Grenfell can be affected by pollutants due to heavy traffic and gas-fired boilers. The air around Grenfell is checked continuously, and we have not found extra pollution caused by the Grenfell fire which would add to health risks.

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**Is the land around Grenfell Tower safe?**

**A**

The air monitoring we have been doing has not identified any cause for concern about soil. However, we understand that local people are worried, so the Government is bringing forward testing of the soil around Grenfell for possible harmful pollution. It is likely some areas will be polluted because of past industrial use or traffic. We will publish the results of our testing. If we find any cause for concern, we will explain what action we are taking.

**Q**

**Is it safe to grow fruit and vegetables around Grenfell Tower?**

**A**

You should peel and wash any fruit or vegetables you grow, and wash your hands after gardening. This is standard health advice for London soil and is not because of Grenfell.

**Q**

**What are you doing now to check soil safety?**

**A**

The Government will test the soil around Grenfell for possible harmful pollution. Planning this work is already under way and local people will be involved in the process. The first results may be known in spring 2019.

**Q**

**Why are you doing this now?**

**A**

We recognise that local people are worried about possible land contamination and we want to make sure they have up to date information about any possible health risks.



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## What have you done about Professor Anna Stec's research?

**A**

Staff from Kensington and Chelsea Council, Public Health England and the local NHS met Professor Stec earlier this year and she raised her concerns about the possible health impacts of pollution from Grenfell on local people. She did not give us the research she has done. Without new evidence of possible health risks, there has been no reason to change our health advice to local people. We continue to monitor air pollution and have now begun a soil assessment and testing programme.

**Q**

## What should I do if I have concerns about my health?

**A**

Go to your GP. Your GP will give you a longer appointment if you have been affected by Grenfell. They will refer you to specialist services if you need further checks on your health.

If you have further questions please fill in the form on your seat or email [healthquestions@rbkc.gov.uk](mailto:healthquestions@rbkc.gov.uk)

### For more more information:

Help from the NHS: [www.grenfell.nhs.uk](http://www.grenfell.nhs.uk)

Health advice from Public Health England: [www.gov.uk/government/news/public-health-advice-following-the-grenfell-tower-fire](http://www.gov.uk/government/news/public-health-advice-following-the-grenfell-tower-fire)

General information on support for those affected by Grenfell: [www.grenfellsupport.org.uk/](http://www.grenfellsupport.org.uk/)



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