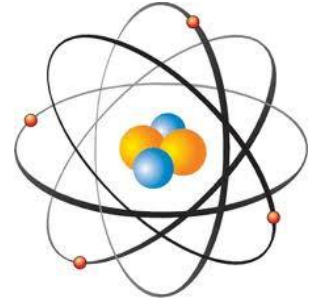


# Benzene, is it really *that* bad?



*Yes! It's nasty...*

Benzene is formed from both natural processes, like volcanoes, forest fires and human activities.

- Natural part of crude oil, gasoline, and cigarette smoke.
- Widely used in the United States and ranks in the top 20 chemicals for production volume.



Benzene's effects on humans:

*Cancer! Particularly Leukemia and other cancers of the blood and blood producing organs.*

- Decrease in red blood cells leading to anemia, bone marrow damage, immune system suppression, drying and scaling of the skin
- Effects the central nervous system – drowsiness, dizziness, sleepiness, rapid heart rate and headache to loss of consciousness. Death.



*“Levels of benzene are higher in homes with attached garages than those with detached garages”*

– The World Health Organization

*“Kids may be exposed to benzene in home garages due to fumes released from gas in fuel tanks.”*

– Healthy Child Healthy World