## The Environmental and Maternal + Child Toolkit

Goal: Highlight and address common environmental health (EH) threats to maternal child health (MCH)

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Issue: Virginia faces a variety of EH threats. Attention to the impact on our MCH populations is a public health necessity

Project: Comprehensive resource that highlights the significance EH hazards have on MCH populations and what can be done!

## Identifies:

## Provides:

- Exposure risks
- Prevention tips
- Health impact
- Mitigation resources
- Flexible format: printable, online
- Provides local, state, national resources

## Accomplishments and Results:

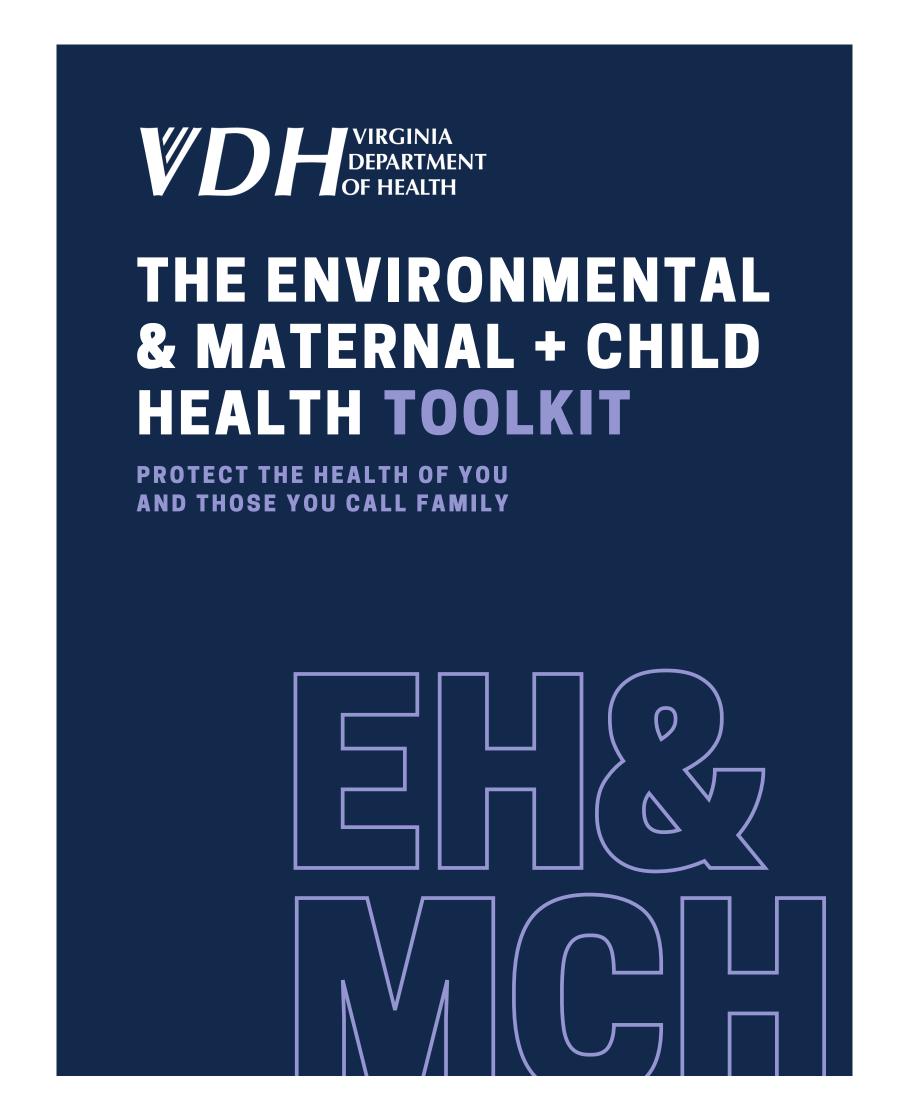
- Bridges a divide between siloed departments
  - Collaboration between Environmental Health, Population Health, and Nursing
  - Incorporation into state emergency preparedness plans
- Serves as a resource for all staff
  - Nurses field community questions about exposures
- Supports Virginia's current Title V grant priorities focusing on the importance of the postpartum period and community engagement

Setting: Designed for staff across 35 local health districts serving rural, suburban, and urban communities of vast geography

Barriers: The changing landscape of public health in 2025

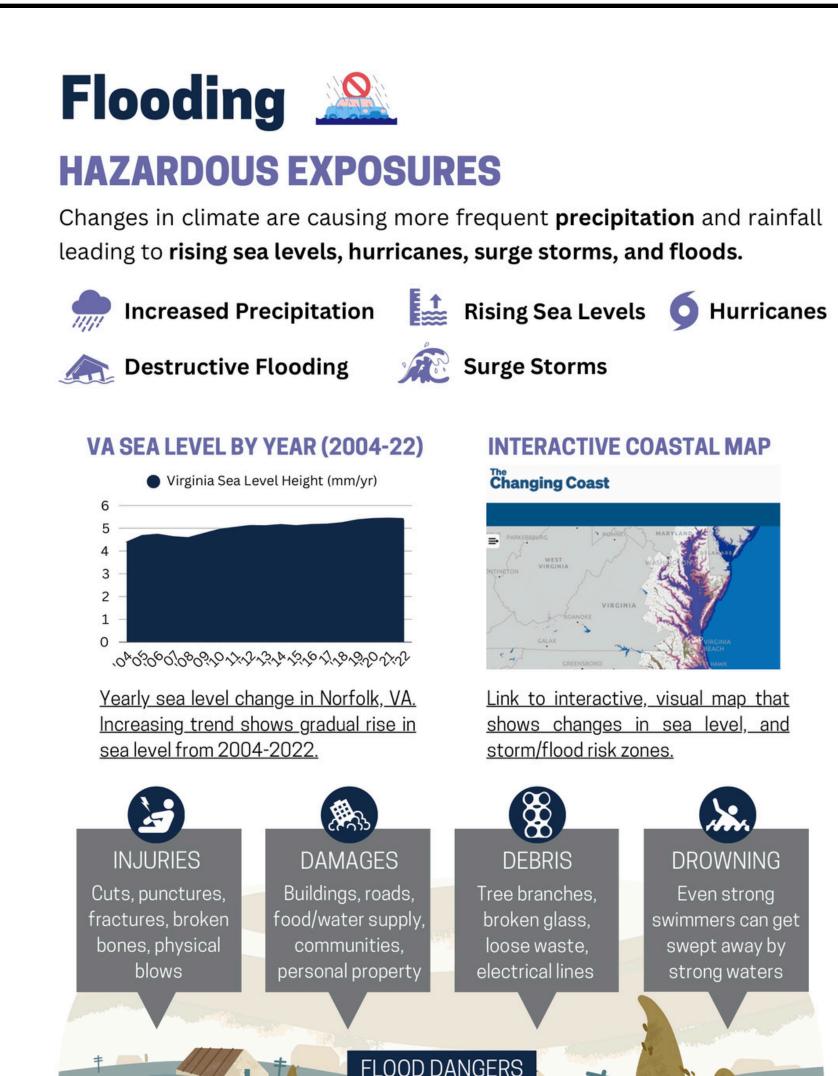
Lessons Learned: Our qualitative evaluation demonstrated the intersection of EH and MCH is a growing area of interest and importance locally and statewide

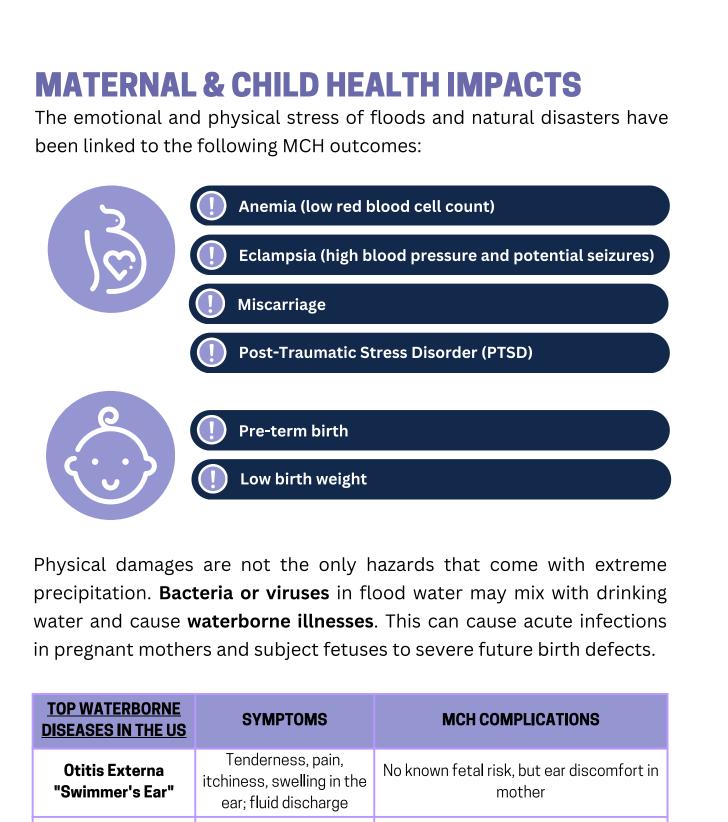
Replication: The toolkit is applicable to all communities and can be customized to meet local and state needs





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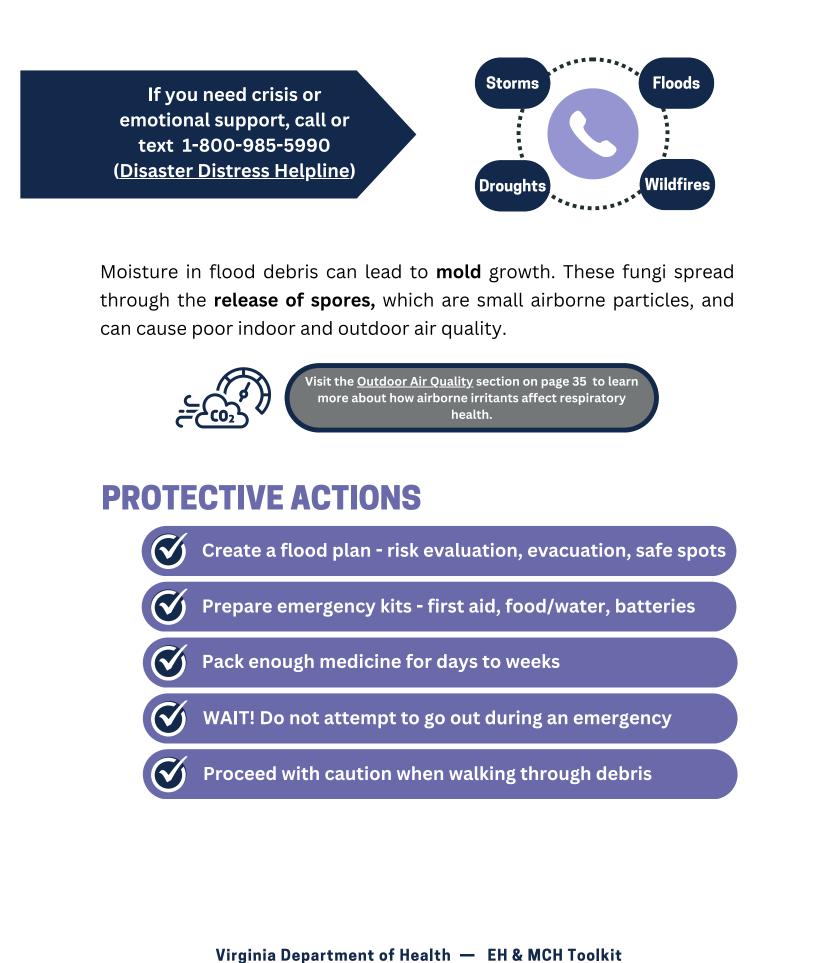
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term birth or urinary tract infections

absorbing nutrients) and diarrhea may

affect fetus



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