

## The Climate Crisis is a Public Health Crisis

The health impacts of climate change include injury and harm from more frequent and severe heat waves; trauma from storms, fires, and floods; increased spread of disease-carrying vectors and waterborne diseases; longer allergy seasons; malnutrition and starvation from reduced and uncertain crop production; and more civil unrest, conflicts, and forced migration arising from the lack of food, water, and increasingly scarce resources that will result from more extreme weather and rising sea levels.



## Why the Health Voice Matters

The health voice is a key and growing part of successful advocacy efforts aimed at lowering emissions, reducing air pollution, protecting health, and mitigating the harmful impacts of climate change. There's never been a better or more important time to communicate the health risks of climate change. Join WPSR's movement to protect our climate and public health.



## WPSR's Climate & Health Task Force

WPSR's Climate & Health Task Force uses the voices and expertise of health professionals to educate, advocate, and collaborate with partners to reduce the use of fossil fuels in Washington, and address the health impacts of a changing climate.

The Task Force gathers monthly to learn about how the climate crisis adversely impacts health, to educate the public, to influence decision-makers about climate solutions, and to take collective action on policy, especially during the Washington state legislative session.

WPSR task force members testify at hearings, give public presentations, write op-eds, engage other health professionals in climate advocacy, and work to educate and influence decision-makers on climate and health policy solutions.

If you are interested in learning more, please email us at [wpsr@wpsr.org](mailto:wpsr@wpsr.org)!

*"WPSR connects decision-makers with expert input from leading health professionals. The importance of this role cannot be overstated."*

*"The perspectives of doctors and nurses can help change the course of high-impact policy proposals on harmful fracked gas, coal, & oil infrastructure."*

**Learn more, take action, and become a member at [www.wpsr.org](http://www.wpsr.org)**

The more fossil fuels we burn, and the more CO2 we put in the air, the more extreme the climate will become, and the more dire and widespread the health harms on people will be.

By joining WPSR today as a climate advocate, you can use your health voice to advance policy solutions to the climate & health crisis.



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## Our Mission

Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility engages the community to create a healthy, peaceful, just and sustainable world.

## Our Vision

We envision a world where all live healthy lives free from the threats of nuclear war, global climate catastrophe and injustice.

## Our Practices

WPSR strives for transparency in all we do, and are proud to have a Platinum rating from Guidestar for transparency, and to be accredited by the Better Business Bureau of Washington.

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## Climate & Health Program



**WPSR's Climate and Health program mobilizes health professionals to advocate for policy solutions to the climate crisis, and ensure the health & well-being of all Washingtonians**