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| **Women A:** | You’ re so late! |
| **Man A:** | I was tidying up my new apartment this morning and felt dizzy and felt dizzy and suffered from sore throatI then need to take some rest |
| **Waitress:** | Has your new home just finished renovation and got new furniture?It might be the VOC which are affecting your indoor air quality! |
| **Man B:** | You always keep the windows closedno wonder it made you dizzy |
| **Man C:** | I have no idea that indoor air quality is so important! |
| **Waitress:** | We spend a lot of time at homein the office or other indoor placesGood indoor air quality is therefore very important for our healthFor more information, check it out yourself! |
| **Hazal TSUI/ Environmental Protection Officer:** | Volatile organic compounds, or VOCare common indoor air pollutantsmainly released from furniturepaints or pesticidesThe formaldehyde released from plywood furnitureis also a kind of VOCOther common indoor air pollutants include moulddust mitesas well as carcinogenic second-hand smokeHigh level of VOC may irritate the eyes, nose and throatIt may even cause other symptoms like dizziness and headachesbreathing difficultiesand skin irritationChildren, elderly and people with respiratory or heart diseasesare more susceptible to VOC |
| **Man A:** | Are there any simple ways to improve indoor air quality? |
| **Waitress:** | Sure, it’s easy! Let’s hear what the expert says! |
| **Hazal TSUI/ Environmental Protection Officer:** | To improve indoor air qualityWe should keep our home dry and cleanand the windows open to ensure good ventilationWe should also use daily productswith low VOC content as far as possibleIf there is new furnitureit is even more importantto often keep the windows open for good ventilationto avoid the accumulation of VOCPest control in the officeshould be done on holidays or during non-office hoursBesides, the indoor ventilating systemshould be cleansed regularlyExhaust fans should be installed if neededOf course, don’t even smoke indoors! |
| **Women B:** | There is an indoor air quality certificate put up in my new officeIs it related to what we were talking about? |
| **Waitress:** | I believe that’s for the Indoor Air Quality Certification Schemefor Offices and Public PlacesSince 2003, if participating premises and buildingsmeet the relevant indoor air quality objectivesthey can receive a certificateissued by Environmental Protection Department, EPDThe certificate will show their indoor air quality attain “Excellent”or “Good” classThe Scheme is able to enhance their corporate image |
| **Man B** | The EPD has also developed practice notesfor managing air-conditioned public transport facilitiesto provide good indoor air quality for passengers |
| **Waitress** | In fact, the EPD established the Indoor Air Quality Information Centre in 2001To encourage the public to maintain good indoor air qualityThe Centre has also organised various activitiesYou may call the Centre hotlineor visit this website to learn more |