

Sign 9 – The Cholera Grave

Panic spread through Sutherland in 1832. A cholera epidemic was raging in Britain and thousands were dying. Cholera is an infection of the intestines and sufferers lose body fluids through diarrhoea and vomiting, and can die within a few hours. It's highly infectious and spreads by people drinking or eating infected water or food. Epidemics spring up quickly, especially in areas where water and sewage systems are primitive or non-existent.



List five health hazards you can see in the above illustration of living conditions at the time.