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LANGKAWI CABLE CAR DRAMA

1,100 RESCUED



Fire and Rescue Department personnel helping to evacuate those stranded at the cable car stations on Sunday night.

- ▶ All **tourists** and workers evacuated safely with no injuries reported
- ▶ 88 passengers trapped in their **gondolas** in mid-air for several hours
- ▶ Repairs **completed** by midnight, service back to normal
- ▶ Team from Austria to **evaluate** system

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The cable cars in use at Gunung Mat Chinchang.

Hidden danger of cleaning sprays

LONDON: Regular use of cleaning sprays has an impact on lung health, comparable with smoking a pack of cigarettes every day, according to a new study.

The research followed 6,000 people over a 20-year period and found women in particular suffered significant health problems after long-term use of these products. It suggested that such products be avoided and can normally be replaced with simple microfibre cloths and water.

"While the short-term effects of such chemicals on asthma are becoming increasingly well documented, we lack knowledge of the long-term impact," said Prof Cecilie Svanes, a medic at Norway's University of Bergen and senior author of the study.

"We feared that such chemicals, by steadily causing a little damage to the airways day after day, year after year, might accelerate the rate of lung function decline that occurs with age."

The research was published in the American Thoracic Society's *American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine*. - The Independent