

Mold

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Can Public Health help me with mold problems in my home?

A: El Paso County Public Health does not regulate mold. Currently, neither Colorado nor El Paso County has regulations directly addressing indoor air quality in homes.

Q: Does Public Health inspect apartments or homes for mold?

A: Measuring mold and quantifying any health effects is a very complex issue. The Public Health does not inspect apartments or homes for mold.

Q: What can I do about my landlord or tenant in a situation involving mold?

A: For residents of Colorado Springs, disputes between tenants and landlords can be referred to the Colorado Springs Code Enforcement office, (719) 444-7891. That office can provide tenants with information about what types of disputes it handles. Residents of Manitou Springs or another municipality within El Paso County may call the general phone number for that municipality. In unincorporated El Paso County, no government resource exists. You may call the Better Business Bureau Tenant hotline at (719) 636-1155, option # 7.

Q: Could you provide me with information resources?

A: Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) offers general resources related to mold on several of its websites. We recommend reviewing these:

- CDPHE Environmental Epidemiology and Toxicology Program
www.cdphe.state.co.us/dc/envtox/index.html
www.cdphe.state.co.us/dc/envtox/MoldInfoSheet.pdf
- CDPHE Air Pollution Control Division/Indoor Air Quality Unit
www.cdphe.state.co.us/ap/iaqhom.html
- List of Colorado Indoor Air Consultants (list compiled by CDPHE)
www.cdphe.state.co.us/ap/down/iaqresources.pdf
www.cal-iaq.org/guide_aiha_9901.htm
- Environmental Protection Agency, General Mold Information, including tips on remediation www.epa.gov/mold/index.html
- Call the CDPHE's Environmental Epidemiology Program or the Air Pollution Control Division at (800) 886-7689.