











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## Healthy Homes Assessment Checklist

Defect	Description and Effect	Hazard Found (location & description)
1. Dampness & Mold Growth <b>Most vulnerable:</b> 14 years or less	 Irritations from dust mites, mold or fungal growth caused by dampness and/or high humidity. Mental health and social wellbeing are impacted.	
2. Excess Cold <b>Most vulnerable:</b> 65 years or older	Caused by excessively cold indoor temperatures. 	
3. Excess Heat <b>Most vulnerable:</b> 65 years or older	 Caused by excessively high indoor air temperatures.	
4. Asbestos, Silica and other MMF <b>Most vulnerable:</b> No Specific Group.	Caused by excessive levels of silica, asbestos and man-made mineral fibers (MMF) that may be disturbed. 	
5. Biocides <b>Most vulnerable:</b> No Specific Group.	 Threats to health from chemicals used to treat timber and mold growth in a dwelling. <i>(Biocides for pest infestations are not considered here.)</i>	
6. Carbon Monoxide and Fuel Combustion Products <b>Most vulnerable:</b>	Excess levels of carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide, Sulphur dioxide and smoke in the dwelling can poison individuals. For CO --- 65 years plus; For NO2, SO2 & Smoke – no specific group 	
7. Lead <b>Most vulnerable:</b> 6 years or younger	 Ingestion from lead--- paint dust, debris or leaded water from fixtures or pipes.	
8. Radiation <b>Most vulnerable:</b> All persons aged 60 --- 64 with lifelong exposure	Potential threats to health from radon gas and its decay bi-products, primarily airborne, but also radon dissolved in water. 	
9. Un-combusted Fuel Gas <b>Most vulnerable:</b> No Specific Group	Fuel gas escaping into the atmosphere within a dwelling from appliances, containers, or storage tanks. 	
10. Volatile Organic Compounds <b>Most vulnerable:</b> No Specific Group	 Volatile organic compounds (VOCs) are chemicals that are gaseous at room temp. such as formaldehyde. They are found in a variety of home materials.	

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<p>11. Crowding and Space</p> <p><b>Most vulnerable:</b> No Specific Group</p>	<p>Hazards associated with unit lack of space for furniture, living, sleeping and normal household life.</p> 	
<p>12. Entry by Intruders</p> <p><b>Most vulnerable:</b> No Specific Group</p>	 <p>Security problems regarding unauthorized entry. (Broken locks, doors, windows, etc.)</p>	
<p>13. Lighting</p> <p><b>Most vulnerable:</b> No Specific Group</p>	<p>Threats to physical and mental health associated with inadequate natural and/or artificial light. Including psychological effects associated with the dwelling's view.</p> 	
<p>14. Noise</p> <p><b>Most vulnerable:</b> No Specific Group</p>	 <p>Threats to physical and mental health resulting from exposure to excess noise inside the dwelling or within its housing lot.</p>	
<p>15. Domestic Hygiene, Pest and Refuse</p> <p><b>Most vulnerable:</b> No Specific Group</p>	<p>Hazards from poor design, layout and construction such that the unit cannot be easily kept clean and hygienic; access into the home and harborage for pests; inadequate household waste storage and disposal.</p> 	
<p>16. Food Safety</p> <p><b>Most vulnerable:</b> No Specific Group</p>	 <p>Inadequate facilities for storage, preparation and cooking of food, threatens sickness or infection.</p>	
<p>17. Personal Hygiene, Sanitation and Drainage</p> <p><b>Most vulnerable:</b> 5 years or younger</p>	<p>Lack of personal washing areas and clothes washing facilities, sanitation and drainage threatens infection and mental health associated with personal hygiene. <i>It does not include problems with pests due to defective drainage facilities.</i></p> 	
<p>18. Water Supply</p> <p><b>Most vulnerable:</b> No Specific Group</p>	 <p>Quality supply of water for drinking and domestic purposes. Considers threats to health from contamination by bacteria or pollutants.</p>	
<p>19. Falls in Baths</p> <p><b>Most vulnerable:</b> 60 years or older</p>	<p>Slip and fall hazards associated with a bath, shower or location that is prone to getting wet.</p> 	
<p>20. Falls on Level Surfaces, etc.</p> <p><b>Most vulnerable:</b> 60 years or older</p>	 <p>Trip and falls on any surface such as floors, yards, or paths. Including falls associated with step-ups, thresholds, or ramps, less than 12 inches.</p>	
<p>21. Falls on Stairs, etc</p> <p><b>Most vulnerable:</b> 60 years or older</p>	<p>Falls associated with stairs, steps and ramps, more than 12 inches in height.</p> 	

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<p>22. Falling between Levels</p> <p><b>Most vulnerable:</b> 5 years or younger</p>	 <p>Falls from one level to another, inside or outside, more than 12". Falls from windows, balconies, landings, accessible roofs, into basement wells, or over outside retaining walls.</p>	
<p>23. Electrical Hazards</p> <p><b>Most vulnerable:</b> 5 years or younger</p>	<p>Electrical shock and burns from exposure to electricity, including lightning strikes. <i>(Excluding fire caused by deficient installations)</i></p> 	
<p>24. Fire</p> <p><b>Most vulnerable:</b> 60 years or older</p>	 <p>Threats from exposure to uncontrolled fire and associated smoke at a dwelling.</p>	
<p>25. Flames, Hot Surfaces, etc.</p> <p><b>Most vulnerable:</b> 5 years or younger</p>	<p>Burn risk from contact with a fire or hot objects; scalds – caused by hot liquids and vapors. Including burns from clothing catching on fire.</p> 	
<p>26. Collision and Entrapment</p> <p><b>Most vulnerable:</b> 5 years or younger</p>	 <p>Risks of physical injury from trapping body parts in building features, such as limbs or fingers in doors or windows; and colliding with objects such as architectural glazing, windows, doors, low ceilings and walls.</p>	
<p>27. Explosions</p> <p><b>Most vulnerable:</b> No Specific Group</p>	<p>Threat from the blast of an explosion, from debris from a blast, or from the partial or total collapse of a building due to an explosion.</p> 	
<p>28. Position and Operability of Amenities</p> <p><b>Most vulnerable:</b> 60 years or older</p>	 <p>Threats of physical strain associated with functional space and other features at dwellings. (Non-ergonomic designs)</p>	
<p>29. Structural Collapse and Falling Elements</p> <p><b>Most vulnerable:</b> No Specific Group</p>	<p>Threat of building collapse, or part of the building falling because of inadequate fixing, disrepair, or as a result of adverse weather conditions. Structural failure may occur internally or externally threatening anyone.</p> 	

For more information on these types of hazards, and how to improve safety in your residence please refer to the following:

<http://lewistonauburnlead.org>

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This information is based on the Healthy Homes Assessments and Program work completed at your property. The Program does not have the ability to fund every hazard correction it finds. Please be aware of what the Program addressed. Other hazards should be planned for future maintenance.

**All categories on this list should be considered whenever the property is re-assessed.**