



Rebuilding Together®

A safe and healthy home for every person.

Our homes and our health are closely connected. Everyone deserves a safe and healthy home. A healthy home is:



CLEAN

Clean homes reduce pest infestation and exposure to contaminants.



DRY

Damp homes provide an environment for molds, dust mites, roaches and rodents. All of these can cause or worsen asthma.

PEST-FREE

Exposure to pests such as rodents or roaches can trigger asthma attacks.



SAFE

Injuries such as falls, burns and poisonings occur most often in the home, especially for children and older adults.



THERMALLY CONTROLLED

Prolonged exposure to excessive heat, cold or humidity may place your family at risk for various health problems.



VENTILATED

Access to a good, fresh air supply in your home is important for improving respiratory health and reducing exposure to indoor air pollutants.

MAINTAINED

Poorly maintained homes are at risk for moisture, pest problems and injury hazards. Deteriorated lead-based paint in older housing is the primary cause of lead poisoning, which affects over a half-million children.

CONTAMINANT-FREE

Exposure to harmful chemicals such as lead, radon gas, asbestos particles, carbon monoxide and secondhand smoke are far higher indoors than outside.



Sources: U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development
National Center for Healthy Housing

REBUILDING TOGETHER'S SAFE & HEALTHY PRINCIPLES, PRIORITIES & COMMON REPAIRS

PRINCIPLE	Keep it DRY	Keep it CLEAN	Keep it PEST FREE	Keep it SAFE	Keep it CONTAMINANT-FREE	Keep it WELL – VENTILATED	Keep it MAINTAINED	Keep it THERMALLY CONTROLLED
PRIORITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No roof leaks No plumbing leaks No moisture problems Rainwater diverted away from home 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Durable flooring easy-to clean Interior paint and wall covering intact No tripping hazards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No gaps, cracks or holes in exterior No live infestation of pests: sources of attraction removed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smoke detectors and fire extinguishers Safe Egress/ingress No tripping hazards Grab bars, handrails, toilet and tub mods as needed No electric hazards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CO detector for homes with CO risks Kitchen Fan exhausts outside Bathroom fan exhausts outside Windows and doors open, close and seal well. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clothes dryer vents outside the metal duct Kitchen fan exhausts outside Bathroom fan exhausts outside Windows and doors open, close and seal well 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working range, refrigerator and water heater Working sink, toilet bathtub and shower Adequate lighting House numbers visible from the street 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comfortable indoor temperature range Windows and doors open, close and seal well
REPAIRS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repair roof and flashing Repair gutter and downspout Grade away from foundation Repair plumbing leaks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove debris in yard Remove clutter from home Repair countertops and cabinets Replace old carpeting with durable flooring Install smooth and cleanable flooring 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seal gaps, cracks and holes in siding and foundation Remove / prune ivy, shrubs and trees away from siding Remove debris that harbor pests Caulk around kitchen countertops and cabinets Integrated Pest Management by a PRO 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install smoke alarm and fire extinguishers Install grab bars and handrails Repair defective flooring Install flooring transition strips Install GFCI's 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install CO detector Service furnace and water heater by HVAC professional Remove unvented gas heaters Follow lead-safe work practices in pre-1978 homes Use low VOC paints and caulking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vent dryer outside Repair/install exhaust fans Change furnace filter and cover slot Weatherstrip doors and windows 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repair/replace furnace, water heater and appliances Landscaping Exterior painting Replace bulb with CFL's / LED's 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weatherstrip doors and windows Wrap water heater to reduce energy loss Air seal attic hatch Change furnace filter and cover slot Increase insulation to avoid excessive cold or heat.