

Risk Management Information on Mold

2002 NCAR president Bill Bass created a Task Force on Mold to examine the risks that the presence of mold in properties may pose for real estate licensees, and to make recommendations to reduce or manage those risks. Among other things, the Task Force has identified a need to make good sources of information on mold readily available to NCAR members. This special report is designed to do just that by pulling together several helpful resources.

Facts About Mold from NAR

NAR's new mold Q & A sets the facts straight and dispels misinformation about the causes and effects of mold.

<http://www.realtor.org/realtororg.nsf/pages/moldfaq>.

EPA Guide to Mold, Moisture, and Your Home

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has produced a document called "A Brief Guide to Mold, Moisture, and Your Home," that is available on the EPA's Web site. The Guide contains much of the same information as the Environmental Hazards booklet mentioned above, but focuses to a greater degree on how homeowners and tenants should clean up residential mold problems.

<http://www.epa.gov/mold/pdfs/moldguide.pdf>

The Facts About Mold: For Everyone

The American Industrial Hygiene Association has produced a brief, well-written "Consumer Fact Sheet" in Q&A format that is a good source of basic information about mold.

<http://www.aiha.org/Content/AccessInfo/consumer/factsaboutmold.htm>

Explore N.C. Dept. of Health Web Page on Mold

The Web site of the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services (Epidemiology Section) has a page called "Mold and Human Health" that also contains some very good information about mold, including general recommendations on how someone should go about hiring a mold consultant or contractor.

<http://www.epi.state.nc.us/epi/oii/mold/index.html>

Managing Mold: What N.C. REALTORS® Need to Know

Under the direction of the Mold Task Force, NCAR published a feature article on the risk of mold in the July 2002 tar heel REALTOR®. The article included mold facts, NAR's and NCREC's positions on mold and resources you can turn to for additional help.

http://www.ncrealtors.org/article_display.cfm?aid=31

Health Effects of Exposure To Mold- Review of the Scientific Literature

Dr. Nathan Yost, a homebuilder and medical doctor specializing in respiratory illnesses, summarizes ten recent articles on the health effects of mold found in indoor environments.

<http://www.realtor.org/gapublic.nsf/pages/moldhealth>