

Only an expert can help you to understand **THE MANY DANGERS OF MOLD.**

It is common knowledge in America today that some of the greatest health threats originate from culprits so small that you cannot see them with the naked eye. Bacteria, viruses, chemicals, toxins, etc... are all words we know and fear because of modern medical advancements. Environmental hazards, such as mold, can be a producer of such microscopic evils which can be harmful to humans, pets, and even the properties they grow upon. Lucky, there is technology available today that is able to analyze how dangerous your mold problem truly is.

Mold can be a serious matter; however, not all mold is dangerous. Until you have a professional mold company test the infested area(s) you will not be able to identify the severity of your problem. It could be a major issue, or it could be nothing to worry about. Either way, a professional mold test is the only way to accurately tell.

Black mold is probably the most commonly known dangerous mold. However, toxic and dangerous molds come in a variety of shapes and colors. Even mold you cannot see has the ability to produce toxic spores that get released into the atmosphere. Whether you see mold or suspect that it's lurking just out of sight, your first step should be to have a professional mold testing and consultation completed. Your mold test and consultation will be able to provide you with the next necessary steps to take in order to ensure a safe environment.

If you do require mold removal, please leave it to the professionals. Mold removal is more complex than you may think, and tackling the job yourself may cause even bigger problems. A professional company will contain the infested area to prevent contamination

to the rest of the property. Once you begin removing mold, mold spores will enter the atmosphere and travel throughout an area, so containment is incredibly important. Professional remediators, like Mold Men of Pittsburgh, utilize special containment equipment, industrial air filtration devices, full body suits, and commercial grade hydrogen peroxide based cleaner. The products utilized by professional mold removal companies are not found at your local home improvement store. Household hydrogen peroxide is not strong enough to completely kill mold, and it could simply agitate the infested area releasing potentially harmful spores into the air.

Before hiring a professional mold removal company you should make sure they are specifically insured and licensed to do mold removal work. Make sure you understand the process they are going to use to complete the work and that the source of the problem will be solved to help prevent future infestations. It is also a good idea to ask if they offer repair services. Sometimes, in order to complete the mold removal process, building materials such as drywall, lumber, flooring, etc... must be removed entirely from the area. However, not all mold removal companies provide services to rebuild the area(s) once the mold removal is finished. Mold Men of Pittsburgh is a full service mold removal company and does provide rebuilding services.

Every situation involving mold is unique. If you have any questions or concerns involving your specific mold problem, give an expert, like Mold Men of Pittsburgh, a call for an in home consultation. Mold Men of Pittsburgh provides free consultations and can be reached at 724.226.4191."



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