



Dealing with Mold in a Rental Unit



IF YOU FIND MOLD IN YOUR RENTAL

North Carolina law requires landlords to maintain safe living conditions, including addressing mold issues promptly.

Tenants can take steps to get rid of surface mold:

- Use appropriate cleaning products to wipe away mold
- Fix leaks
- Use a dehumidifier
- Ensure that there's proper ventilation in your home

If there is mold that a tenant cannot address through simple steps:

- Notify your landlord of the problem in writing immediately.
- You can discuss this concern verbally with your landlord, but you should also put it in writing and save the email, text, or letter that you send your landlord.



IF MOLD IS AFFECTING YOUR HEALTH

If a tenant has health problems that they believe are caused or made worse by mold in their rental unit, the tenant should take these steps:

- See a health care provider.
- Get documentation of the health problem and the provider's opinion that the mold is causing or worsening it.
- Give this documentation to your landlord with written notice that the housing conditions are causing harm/may be dangerous.



IF YOUR LANDLORD DOES NOT FIX THE MOLD PROBLEM

If a landlord does not resolve mold issues in a rental unit after being notified of the problem by the tenant, the tenant can take these steps:

- Demand repayment and/or release from lease obligations
- **Contact Pisgah Legal Services: 828-253-0406 | www.pisgahlegal.org**