

IDAHO | 2017 Healthy Housing Fact Sheet

Unhealthy conditions found in hazardous housing can lead to lead poisoning, asthma, respiratory illness, cancer, and unintentional injuries, resulting in missed school days and poor school performance for children, as well as missed work days for parents. To protect the health of Idaho's families and prevent continued increases in associated healthcare costs and societal consequences, full federal funding is needed for critical programs and services:

	ID received funding since 2015?
CDC's Healthy Homes and Lead Poisoning Prevention Program	NO
CDC's National Asthma Control Program	NO
CDC's Environmental Health Tracking Network	NO
HUD's Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes	YES
HUD's Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)	YES
HUD's HOME Investment Partnerships Program	YES
EPA's Lead Categorical Grants	NO
EPA's Drinking Water Revolving Fund	YES
HHS' Maternal and Child Health Block Grants	YES
HHS' Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)	YES
DOE's Weatherization Assistance Program	YES

Full funding to federal programs such as these will help to address many of the risks and burdens facing the residents and families of Idaho, including:



In Idaho, **25% of children live in households with a high housing cost burden**, and 18% of children live in poverty.



An estimated **78% of children at high risk for lead exposure in Ada County** (includes the city of Boise) **are not being tested**.



45% of housing in Idaho was built before 1978 and is likely to contain lead-based paint.



On average, **9 individuals die annually from carbon monoxide exposure in Idaho** (2011-2015).



Approximately **8.6% of adults** (over 103,000) **in Idaho have current asthma** (2014). Over **19% of high school students have ever had asthma** (2015).



Idaho has **no state statutes regulating radon, carbon monoxide detectors, bed bugs, or mold**.



There were **more deaths from unintentional falls than from car accidents** in Idaho in 2014 (229 compared to 213); **201 of those killed were adults over the age of 65**.



18 counties in northern and central Idaho have predicted average **indoor radon levels above the EPA action level**. In 9 Idaho counties, **more than 50% of radon test results were above the action level**.