

# WYOMING | 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 Wyoming's families and prevent continued increases in associated healthcare costs and societal consequences, full federal funding is needed for critical programs and services:

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

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



In Wyoming, **22% of children live in households with a high housing cost burden**, and 13% of children live in poverty.



In 2012, **only 2,184 childhood blood lead tests were reported to the Wyoming Department of Health**; 1.5% of these were elevated.



**54% of Wyoming housing was built before 1978** and is likely to contain lead-based paint; 10% was built before 1940.



On average, **4 individuals die annually from carbon monoxide exposure in Wyoming** (2011-2015).



Approximately **8% of adults** (2014) and **7% of children** (2012) **have current asthma** in Wyoming.



**80% of hospitalizations** from falls in Wyoming involve adults over the age of 65. In 2015, **unintentional falls were responsible for 62 deaths among adults over the age of 65** in Wyoming.



Wyoming has **no state statutes regarding carbon monoxide detectors, radon, or bed bugs**.



**21 of Wyoming's 23 counties** have predicted average **indoor radon levels above the EPA action level**.