

Home Visits for New York City Residents With Persistent Asthma

Allergens such as pests (for example, mice or cockroaches) and mold affect indoor air quality. They can cause asthma attacks or make asthma symptoms worse. Controlling pests and mold can help control asthma.

New York City law requires landlords to keep their buildings free of pests and mold and the problems that cause them, such as leaks and holes.

If you or your child has persistent asthma and you have pests or mold in your home, your health care provider can request a free home environmental inspection. You can receive this service regardless of your immigration status. Talk to your health care provider or asthma case manager to learn more.

What to Expect From a Home Environmental Visit

- A New York City Health Department inspector will call you to schedule a visit on a day and time that works for you.
- The inspector will look for pests and mold and the problems that lead to them.
- If problems are found, the inspector will order the building owner to fix them. The building owner will have 21 days to make any needed repairs.
- After 21 days, a Health Department inspector will return to your home to see if the problems were fixed.
- If the building owner has not finished fixing the problems but is making progress, they will be given more time to make the repairs.
- If the building owner is not fixing the problem, the Health Department may issue them a summons, which can result in a fine. The City may also make emergency repairs and bill the building owner for the work.

For more information, visit nyc.gov/health and search for **Healthy Neighborhoods Program** or call **646-632-6023**.

