



## Ogden, Utah Mold Inspection Locates Source Of Employee Sickness

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Centerville, Utah based Utah Disaster Specialists (UDS) is issuing a public advisory warning all homeowners and businesses in the state that they should always be aware of potential mold outbreaks on the premises. As part of their effort to convey the importance of their message, the company is also sharing a summary of their recent work with an airport hangar that was found to have mold hidden in multiple rooms.

Despite being headquartered in Centerville, the company serves communities all across the state, which is why they recently responded to a call regarding a suspected mold infestation in an airport hangar in Ogden, Utah. While the company prefers that customers request their services before mold has a chance to set in (so that more items, furnishings, and other parts of the property's interior can be salvaged and restored), this was not the case in this situation. The company was called after the hangar's personnel had already been moved out of the premises following complaints over employees repeatedly getting sick.

Upon arrival, the company followed their standard procedure and inspected every room on the property, during which mold was discovered in no fewer than eight of the rooms. Utah Disaster Specialists then discussed this situation with the building's administrators and learned that the owner had been aware of

previous water damage that had undergone a rudimentary cleanup operation. However, this cleanup effort failed to completely dry the affected areas, and similarly neglected to locate and rectify the source of the water. Furthermore, the owner declined to contract UDS's professional mold removal services, opting to attempt fixing the problem on their own.

Utah Disaster Specialists states, "Getting rid of mold is by no means a task that a non-professional should try alone. One of the best reasons for bringing in a professional team for mold cleanup is the reduced health risk to yourself and other inhabitants. When professionals like us come in to do mold damage cleanup, they bring all the protective equipment they need to carry out the task safely and efficiently, including gloves, respirators, and safety goggles at a minimum. Some cases may require containment to prevent further spreading. One of the biggest problems with mold growth is the respiratory problems it can create. The health risk alone is worth hiring a professional for your mold damage cleanup.

According to the company, an Ogden Utah mold inspection and removal expert, any source of dampness or moisture can potentially lead to mold. This stage of their expansion notably does not take long either; depending on the strain of mold involved, mold can germinate and grow within 1-2 days. They can colonize in as few as three days and only become visible to the naked eye around three weeks after they can hold. In light of this, they advise extreme caution when a mold outbreak is suspected.

UDS states, "Mold is a serious health risk that you want to take no chances with. There are measures to help prevent the growth and spread of mold, but they often require the involvement of a Utah mold damage cleanup specialist. After a preliminary inspection, it may be necessary to call in a mold damage cleanup specialists so that the mold can be removed."

Such health risks are commonly associated with mycotoxins, natural compounds that are produced by some strains of mold. Symptoms of mycotoxin exposure include memory loss, a decreased ability to concentrate, headaches, constant fatigue, irritation to the eyes (as well as the nose and throat, and so on. To avoid such problems, the company advises that homeowners and business take certain steps to reduce the risk of mold.

They explain, "As mold requires a certain degree of moisture content in the air and on certain surfaces to flourish, fixing water leaks immediately and maintaining regular maintenance checks on HVAC systems can help alleviate any mold risk. The relative humidity of indoor air should be kept at or below 60%; a preferred rating falls somewhere between the 30-50% range. To reduce moisture levels in cold and dry air, increase airflow to the area. You may need a dehumidifier to reduce the moisture in the air to acceptable levels."

Customers may contact Daryl Olsen of Utah Disaster Specialists to learn more about the company's mold

inspection and removal services. More information can also be found on their website, and the company invites members of the local community to reach out to them through their social media channels to follow up on any further inquiries.

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