



SafeAir Certified Mold Inspection Inc Releases New Guidance on Crawl Space Mold Risks

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SafeAir Certified Mold Inspection Inc has published a new educational resource, "Crawl Space Mold: What Causes It, How to Find It, and What to Do Next," focused on crawl space mold and the conditions that can contribute to mold growth beneath residential properties. The guidance was released in June 2026 as part of the company's ongoing effort to share information about indoor air quality and moisture-related concerns affecting homeowners.

The new resource examines common causes of crawl space mold, including excess humidity, moisture intrusion, aging vapor barriers, and condensation around HVAC components. It also discusses how crawl spaces can affect indoor air quality in homes with raised foundations, particularly when moisture problems remain undetected for extended periods.

"Many homeowners rarely enter their crawl spaces, so moisture problems can develop without obvious warning signs," said Alex Laldin, Marketing Director of SafeAir Certified Mold Inspection Inc. "The purpose of

this resource is to help property owners understand the conditions that may lead to mold growth and recognize when further evaluation may be needed."

According to information published by SafeAir, crawl space mold is one of the most common findings during inspections. The company notes that moisture can enter crawl spaces through a variety of sources, including humid outdoor air, drainage issues, groundwater intrusion, plumbing leaks, and damaged vapor barriers. In humid climates, older vented crawl spaces may experience elevated moisture levels when warm outdoor air enters and condenses on cooler surfaces.

The guidance also highlights the relationship between crawl spaces and indoor air movement. Building science research referenced in the article indicates that a significant portion of first-floor air can originate from the crawl space through a process commonly known as the stack effect. As air moves upward through a structure, airborne particles and odors from the crawl space may be carried into occupied areas of the home.

Another topic addressed in the resource is HVAC ductwork located within unconditioned crawl spaces. SafeAir explains that cold air moving through ducts during warmer months can create condensation on duct surfaces when humidity levels are high. Over time, this moisture can affect nearby building materials and contribute to conditions that support mold growth.

The article also reviews several mold types that may be found in crawl spaces, including *Aspergillus*, *Penicillium*, *Cladosporium*, *Chaetomium*, and *Stachybotrys chartarum*. SafeAir notes that different mold species can indicate varying moisture conditions, ranging from intermittent humidity issues to long-term water intrusion. The company emphasizes that laboratory analysis is often required to accurately identify mold species.

In addition to discussing causes and conditions, the educational material outlines signs that may indicate a crawl space problem. These signs include musty odors, elevated indoor humidity, visible staining or growth on structural materials, damp insulation, standing water, and drainage issues around a home's exterior. The company states that identifying and correcting moisture sources is a key part of addressing mold concerns.

The publication further explains the role of inspections in evaluating crawl space conditions. According to SafeAir, a thorough assessment may include examining exterior drainage patterns, foundation vent configurations, moisture levels, and visible evidence of water intrusion or microbial growth. The company notes that crawl space evaluations often reveal conditions that are not visible from occupied areas of the home.

SafeAir Certified Mold Inspection Inc provides mold testing, mold inspections, indoor air quality testing, consultation, and analysis services for residential and commercial properties. The company also publishes educational resources intended to help property owners better understand moisture, mold, and indoor air quality issues that may affect buildings.

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