

The University of Southern Indiana MOLD MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

PURPOSE

The purpose of this is to inform the University community about the University's Mold Management Program.

BACKGROUND

Fungi are present almost everywhere in indoor and outdoor environments. With high levels of humidity in the city of Evansville, university buildings are subject to mold growth. Unprotected, older and less watertight buildings are even more vulnerable to mold growth. Certain types of mold can produce toxins, which can cause allergic reactions and produce flu-like symptoms.

Mold may be found, among other places, in the following building components or furnishings:

- Drywall
- Insulation
- Carpeting
- Flooring
- Cabinetry

NOTIFICATION

If you discover mold on any of the aforementioned building components or furnishings, contact Environmental Health and Safety at 812 461-5393.

REMOVAL PROCEDURES

Removal procedures will vary depending on the location and extent of visible mold contamination. In general, small areas of mold contamination can be cleaned up and removed by trained in-house personnel. Larger areas contaminated with mold may require trained hazardous material abatement professionals.

REGULATIONS

Currently, there are no federal, state, or local regulations for evaluating potential health effects of fungal contamination and remediation. The New York City Department of Health (DOH) has developed *Guidelines on Assessment and Remediation of Fungi in Indoor Environments* that the University has incorporated into its mold management program. The University also references EPA's *Mold Remediation in Schools and Commercial Buildings* in its program.