

# Hazard: Biocides

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**Identity of Hazard(s):** This includes threats to health from those chemicals used to treat timber and mold growth in dwellings.<sup>1</sup>

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**Primary Health Outcome(s):** Inhalation<sup>1</sup>

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**Health Alert!** The main health risk is from inhalation, although skin contact and ingestion may also be an issue, particularly for small children.<sup>1</sup>

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**Gain Control: Actions You Can Take<sup>1</sup>**

- Where possible the use of biocides should be avoided. Often, treatment of the underlying and main cause of the problem, remedying dampness and renewal of affected timber, will make the use of biocides unnecessary.
  - The use of biocides must be in accordance with the instructions, and provided proper precautions are observed during use and afterwards to allow for fume dispersal, risks should be minimized. Use of biocides for treating mold growth and timber should also be in accordance with the various statutory controls.
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**Local Resources for Detroit Residents:**

- Children's Hospital of Michigan Regional Poison Control Center: (800) 222-1222

<sup>1</sup>[http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=operating\\_guidance\\_hhrs\\_v1.pdf](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=operating_guidance_hhrs_v1.pdf)