

Hazard: Personal Hygiene, Sanitation & Drainage

Identity of Hazard(s): This includes threats to infection and threats to mental health associated with personal hygiene, including personal washing and clothes washing facilities, sanitation and drainage.¹

Primary Health Outcome(s): Gastro-intestinal illness¹

Health Alert! The health outcomes from both poor personal hygiene and poor sanitation include gastro-intestinal illness, and, more rarely, skin infections. Illnesses resulting from gastro-intestinal infection can range from mild stomach upsets through to death from diarrheal and gastro-intestinal disease, and severe dysentery, and gastro-enteritis.¹

Gain Control: Actions You Can Take¹

- Toilets should have a smooth surface and should be connected to a proper working flushing cistern provided with a supply of water, and also properly connected to a drain capable of safely carrying waste out of the dwelling and into the sewage system.
 - There should be a sufficient number of bathrooms for the occupants.
 - Baths or showers should be located in a bathroom which should be of a hygienic design and construction, be adequately ventilated and have a door capable of being locked from the inside.
 - There should be a sufficient number of baths or showers for the occupants. They should be connected to a supply of water at a controlled temperature or to supplies of hot and of cold water. They should also be properly connected to pipes which safely carry away the waste water.
 - There should also be a sufficient number of sinks for the occupants, with separate supplies of cold water and hot water, located within each bathroom.
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Local Resources for Detroit Residents:

- Detroit Public Works: (313) 224-3901
- CLEARCorps Detroit: (313) 924-4000
- If renting, call Detroit Buildings, Safety Engineering and Environmental Department (BSEED): (313) 628-2451
- Detroit Planning and Development Department (CDBG Home Repair Program): (313) 224-3461
 - Must be homeowner with homeowners insurance and be current on property taxes

¹http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=operating_guidance_hhrs_v1.pdf