

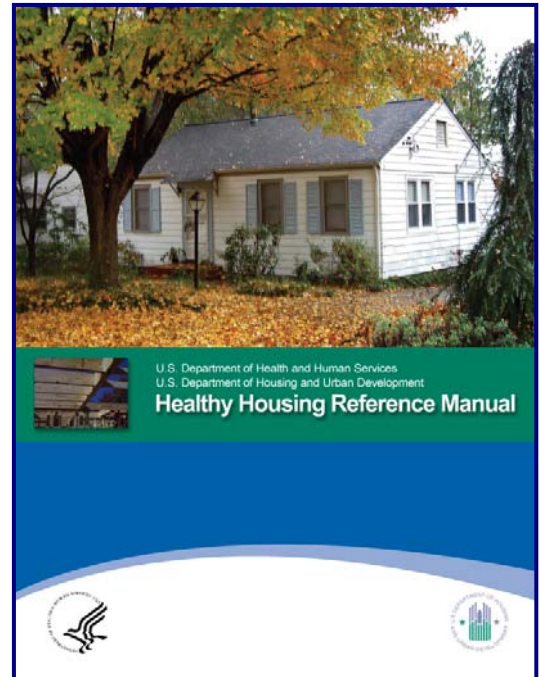


National Center for Environmental Health  
Division of Emergency and Environmental Health Services

### ***Healthy Housing Reference Manual Now Available***

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)/U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) *Healthy Housing Reference Manual* is a revised and updated edition of the 1976 CDC *Basic Healthy Housing Inspection* manual.

The *Healthy Housing Reference Manual* is a comprehensive guide related to every area of housing construction, systems, and maintenance, and how those areas relate to the health of the occupants. The updated manual builds the capacity of health and housing professionals to enable them to recognize and address housing-related health hazards and to promote the broader national Healthy Homes Initiative. The manual is a tool to reduce those substandard housing conditions that cause disease and injury and affect the quality of life of our citizens, especially children and the elderly, who are particularly vulnerable to the adverse health effects of substandard housing.



#### **What's New**

The *Healthy Housing Reference Manual* includes new chapters on

- rural water supplies and water-quality issues,
- on-site wastewater treatment,
- energy efficiency, and
- residential swimming pools and spas.

The chapter titled Health and Sanitary Elements of a Housing Inspection in the 1976 manual has been greatly expanded into two chapters:

- disease vectors and pests and
- indoor air pollutants and toxic materials.

In addition, the separate chapter on safety has been removed; safety information appropriate for each hazard is listed in the chapter with that hazard. More than 150 figures and photographs illustrate the manual.

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## **Healthy Housing Reference Manual Now Available, Continued**

### **Design and Use**

CDC and HUD designed the reference manual for field use. Field personnel can use it on the job site to assess, identify, and remedy housing construction and maintenance deficiencies that may lead to adverse health effects. The manual provides clear, current information about housing construction and maintenance and their effects on health and safety. It includes current information on specific health and safety hazards as well as information about how to identify and remedy those hazards.

### **Where to Get a Copy of the Revised Manual**

The *Healthy Housing Reference Manual* is also available on the Web (<http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/publications/books/housing/housing.htm>).

A limited number are available in hard copy and CD-ROM: call 1-800-CDC-INFO.

### **For More Information**

About CDC's Healthy Homes Initiative: <http://www.cdc.gov/healthyplaces/healthyhomes.htm>.

About HUD's Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control:  
<http://www.hud.gov/offices/lead>.

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