

Spotlight On Safety

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Indoor Air Quality

Millions of people spend a majority of their working hours indoors, typically in an office environment. That is why it's so important that the Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) is optimized to ensure a safe and healthy workplace. Poor IAQ can significantly impact the health, productivity, and sense of wellbeing of building occupants. According to the EPA, Poor indoor air is estimated to cost the nation tens of billions of dollars each year in lost productivity and countless hours of illness and discomfort.

Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) has professionally trained Indoor Environmental Professionals that have the tools and the knowledge necessary to evaluate buildings for IAQ problems and identify indoor pollutant sources.

Examples of IAQ problems include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Mold on building materials
- The presence of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC's)
- Allergens
- Dampness or wet building materials
- Poor ventilation
- Uncomfortable temperatures or humidity levels
- Offensive odors

If you have a concern or would like to report an Indoor Air Quality concerns to EH&S using the "Report a Safety Concern" link at ehs.ucr.edu or please call (951) 827-5528 or email ehsIH@ucr.edu.