

# Misawa Military Family Housing Health and Safety Quick Reference

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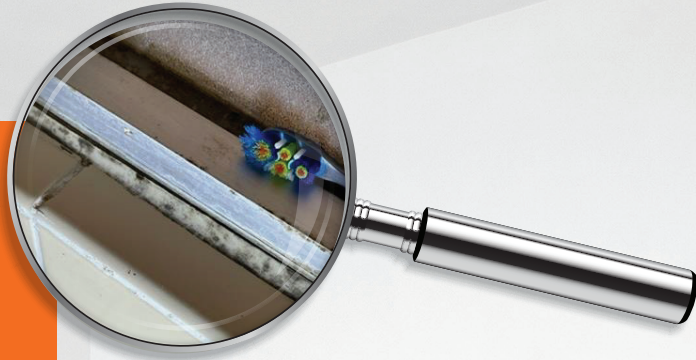
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**PLEASE CONTACT HOUSING OFFICE  
IF YOU WISH FOR AN ASSESSMENT  
INSPECTION OF YOUR HOME.**

Molds are part of the natural environment. Mold may begin growing indoors when mold spores land on surfaces that are wet. There are many types of mold, and none of them will grow without water or moisture. Mold can grow at any time but at Misawa the most prevalent period of growth happens between May- September. Occupants should increase checks and mitigation measures. If at any time you or a family member have medical concerns, see your Primary Care Manager.

## What is mold and why is it in my home?



## Where should I check?

- Bathroom grout
- Behind toilets
- Under sinks
- Closets
- Behind & under beds
- HVAC units
- Personnel Items
- Damp areas such as outdoor storages

There is no guaranteed method to stop growth but the following will help reduce issues:

## How to mitigate

- Increase circulation in rooms or closets especially if near by running such as bathrooms or laundry rooms using vents and fans
- Use dehumidifiers or dehumidifying products
- Increase the air temperature
- Clean surface mold with a chlorinewater solution or other household products
- Clean air filters frequently at least once a month or more if needed
- Clean wet surfaces such as bathroom walls after showers
- Call Housing Maintenance for water leaks
- Do not leave windows open while the air conditioning is running

## What To expect for an inspection?

If an inspection is required the inspector will take the following actions:

- Check the temperature and humidity in the housing unit
- Inspect the HVAC units
- Inspect for water leaks or signs of water leaks
- Will not inspect personal property

