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## The 6 Most Harmful Types of Mold Found in Homes

Mold in your home or property is never a good thing, but some molds are more harmful than others. Here are some of the most common species of toxic mold that might be lurking wherever there are wet surfaces or water damage.



#### STACHYBOTRYS (Black Mold)

Found: Moist indoor environments.

**Dangers:** can cause flu-like symptoms, diarrhea, headaches, memory loss, and severe respiratory damage.

#### **CHAETOMIUM**

Found: Underneath drywall, wallpaper, baseboards and carpets.

**Dangers:** Can lead to allergies, red eyes, shortness of breath, and autoimmune disease.

#### **ASPERGILLUS**

**Found:** Can be carried indoors by shoes and clothes before growing in carpets.

**Dangers:** Exposure can cause allergic reactions and lung infections, such as aspergillosis.



#### **PENICILLIN**

**Found:** On decaying vegetation, wood, fruit, vegetables, and building materials in water-damaged environments.

**Dangers:** Can disperse into the air and house dust, causing asthmatic reactions, bronchitis and respiratory illnesses.

#### **FUSARIUM**

**Found:** Found in plant debris and soil but can also thrive in wallpaper, drywall and HVAC systems.

**Dangers:** Can cause mycotoxicosis if ingested in food colonized by the fungal organism.



#### **ALTERNARIA**

**Found:** Rarely found in building materials but can grow on damp carpet, tiles and cardboard.

Dangers: If inhaled, Alternaria can cause hay fever, asthma, and allergic reactions in hypersensitive individuals.

### Avoid the hassle and health risks of treating mold infestations yourself.

Instead, call our professional technicians to provide a complete mold assessment and treatment plan. Our specialists go beyond the surface of the problem by locating the full extent of spread and eliminating unwanted sources of moisture. Enjoy peace of mind of a job done right by hiring STOP Restoration!

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