

At Rebuilding Together Baltimore, we believe safe homes and communities are a vital part of a thriving Baltimore. We follow the **Principles of a Healthy Home** in our home repair work. We work in partnership with community associations and homeowners to accomplish our mission.

1. DRY

A leaking roof can cause severe structural damage and mold.



2. CLEAN

Clean homes reduce pest infestation and exposure to contaminants.



3. PEST-FREE

Exposure to pests can trigger asthma attacks.

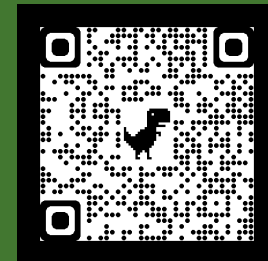


4. SAFE

Safe homes prevent injuries, such as falls, burns, and poisonings.



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5. CONTAMINANT-FREE

Exposure to harmful chemicals such as lead and carbon monoxide are far higher indoors than outside.



7. MAINTAINED

Poorly maintained homes are at risk for moisture, pest problems, and injury hazards.



6. VENTILATED

Access to a good, fresh air supply reduces moisture, ensures air quality, and promotes good respiratory health.



8. THERMALLY CONTROLLED



Regulated temperature in a home is important for greater health and comfort, as well as better energy efficiency.



These 25 HEALTH AND SAFETY PRIORITIES focus attention on significant health and safety hazards, inform trade-offs, guide the design of repairs, and provide a means for Rebuilding Together affiliates to report the results of repairs and modifications consistently.

Rebuilding Together 25 Safe and Healthy Priorities

1. Residents can safely enter and leave the home
2. The roof is watertight
3. Rainwater is effectively shed and directed away from the structure
4. Exterior walls have no gaps/cracks/holes that allow intrusion of bulk moisture/pests
5. Windows and exterior doors open and close, lock securely and seal well
6. Home is free of live infestation of pests, and sources of attraction are removed
7. The numerals in the property's street address are clearly visible from the street
8. A working smoke detector is on each floor and in or near bedrooms
9. A working CO detector protects home with gas appliances or attached garage
10. A currently dated Class ABC fire extinguisher is available in or near the kitchen
11. Water and space heating appliances that produce CO exhaust outside
12. No known electrical hazards are present, and kitchens and baths have GFCIs
13. Residents have access to a working water heater, refrigerator and range
14. The kitchen and bathrooms have an exhaust fan vented outside
15. Residents have access to a working sink, toilet and bathtub or shower
16. Residents who need help bathing/toileting have appropriate bathroom mods
17. Residents at risk of falls have grab bars well located and securely fastened
18. Stairs and steps have secure handrails that meet residents' needs
19. Main rooms and stairs are free of tripping hazards
20. Carpeting that creates a health and safety hazard has been replaced
21. Clothes dryer, if present, vents outside w/ metal duct and unobstructed airflow
22. Residents can maintain the interior temperature in a comfortable range
23. Lighting is adequate for daily tasks and crossing rooms/stairs/entrances
24. Interior paint, wall covering, and drywall is intact
25. The home is free of active water leaks and serious moisture/mold problems