

General School Risk Assessments - No.28 Mould (List additional hazards, risks and controls particular to your school using the blank template no.69)

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Mould		Lung irritation, sensitisation, adverse health affects	M	Procedure for identification and assessment of mould growth in place				
			M	All relevant staff are aware of this procedure				
			M	Regular formal inspections, e.g. bi-annual, undertaken to identify moulds or potential causes of mould, e.g. leaks?				
			M	Preventative maintenance procedures in place, e.g:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check for leaking pipes</li> <li>• Check for condensation build up</li> <li>• Ensure humidity is less than 60%. Humidity can be reduced by repairing leaks in increasing ventilation</li> <li>• Ensure dryers vent externally</li> <li>• Check extraction ventilation are working correctly, e.g. in kitchens</li> <li>• Damp proof courses checked</li> <li>• Check gutters are cleared and in good condition</li> </ul>				

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Mould		Lung irritation, sensitisation, adverse health affects	M	Generate a log book for regular examination and maintenance of plumbing system(s); gutters and ventilation systems. Subsequent action would involve auditing of logbooks that maintenance/ checks were occurring				
			M	Remediation plan/procedure in place to deal with identified mould problem, e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Source of moisture been identified and removed prior to remediation</li> <li>• Appropriate PPE and RPE available for persons carrying out cleaning and remediation work</li> <li>• Staff carrying out cleaning are trained and aware of relevant precautions/ controls required for mould growth greater than 3m<sup>2</sup></li> <li>• Professional expertise sought if the area covered by mould is greater than 3m<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>				
			M	System in place to deal with incidents of water damage, e.g. flooding, to prevent mould growth				
			M	Records are kept of all remediation work/ monitoring carried out				

If there is one or more **High Risk (H)** actions needed, then the risk of injury could be high and immediate action should be taken. **Medium Risk (M)** actions should be dealt with as soon as possible. **Low Risk (L)** actions should be dealt with as soon as practicable.

Reference guide; State Claims Agency; Guidelines for Cleaning Staff on Managing Mould Growth in State Buildings. [www.stateclaims.ie](http://www.stateclaims.ie)  
 State Claims Agency; Guidelines for Maintenance Staff on Managing Mould Growth in State Buildings. [www.stateclaims.ie](http://www.stateclaims.ie)  
 Department of Education and Science Circular 008/2006 Health and Safety Matters – Management of Mould

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