

### Unexpected and Isolated Small area affected less than 1 square metre

Absolutely crucial!

Eradicate any moisture and odour problems by tackling their root causes. Take charge of moisture and odour to stop mould growth.

Leading Australian and international experts in mould-related health issues, along with Building Biologists, strongly advise reducing exposure to mould and ensure greatly alleviating negative health impacts.

#### If you ...

See Simple Level Contamination

- This is mould that is new, isolated, visible where the size of mould contamination is no greater than 1m<sup>2</sup> (standard door).
- It's when it is unlikely that the mould affects the HVAC system, split air-conditioning system or building structure.
- The underlying causes of dampness and or condensation can be easily identified and removed or corrected, that is removed, repaired, replaced and or managed better so as it does not reoccur.
- The water incursion, if any, is not highly contaminated, that is Category 1 or 2 water.
- In addition, there are no other hazards involved such as asbestos or toxic chemicals.

Essential and simple level mould contamination can often be dealt with in-house, by occupants using appropriate personal protective equipment and taking the appropriate actions.

#### You can ... fix water source and dry up moisture precautions

##### Small mould problems

spots and surfaces smaller than a standard door size, can be appropriately remediated in the home or office by using the right precautions, personal protective mask, suitable clothing and undertaken by people who are not affected by mould.

##### Fixing the source

that is stop the moisture, needs to be done in conjunction with the removing damaged materials and drying surfaces to ensure there is no further water contamination, prevents potential mould exposure and adverse health effects.

##### Removing damaged materials

needs to be done in conjunction with drying all surfaces. Dry damp areas using towels, heaters, fans, dehumidifiers and fresh air from outside in.

##### Removing mould

needs to be conducted in a manner that minimises the disturbance of the mould and mould materials and capture as much as possible, to prevent the release of mould spores into the air.

##### Small areas

with a simple to manage level of contamination can generally be cleaned by people who may not be affected by the mould. Continue reading here.