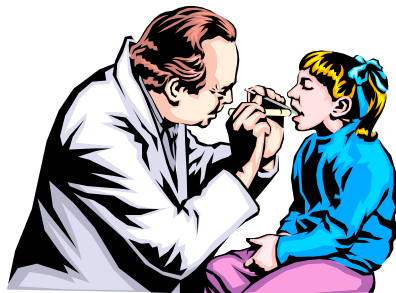




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## Healthy Pest Free Homes

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## Healthy Pest Free Housing Initiative



*There is help from these pests*

The Healthy Pest-free Housing Initiative is a public health initiative aimed at improving the health and quality of life for Boston Public Housing residents, particularly those who have family members with asthma. This program brings together and educates property managers, the pest control contractors and residents to effectively address the underlying problem of pest infestations. Our Community Health Advocates, who are also Boston Public Housing residents, work one on one with you as a public housing resident to help restore conditions to your apartment and offer assistance to residents to help maintain pest-free environments without reliance on potentially harmful chemicals. All residents who participate will be given a HOME Safe Kit, a resource to combat their roach or mice infestation as well as the tools to advocate for themselves. If you would like to know more about this program fill out the attachment or call Edna G. Rivera-Carrasco, Director of Programs at the Committee for Boston Public Housing at 617-427-3556 extension 206

### What do we offer?

#### **Pest Management and Education:**

The Community Health Advocate will work with you before and after a pest extermination contractor visits your home. They will help you identify the problem areas and provide you with a Home Safe Kit which includes health information. They will also provide you with assistance if you suspect you have bedbugs.

#### **Asthma Management:**

The Community Health Advocate will work with you in your home to help you identify and reduce yours or your loved ones asthma triggers. They will assist and provide you with tools to help you or your child to better identify when an asthma attack might happen. As well as provide you with the tools to advocate for better service from you doctor.

#### **Child Lead and Injury Prevention:**

The Community Health Advocate will help you identify potential dangerous conditions that can cause serious injuries to your children under six. They will also connect you with the correct department if you suspect your apartment has lead.

#### **Mold and Air Quality Issues**

The Community Health Advocate will provide you with one-on-one education to help identify mold issues in your home. They will also help you find the appropriate departments if you suspect you have a serious mold and/or air quality problem in your home. If your apartment is experiencing severe code violation issues the Community Health Advocate will assist connecting you with the Inspectional Service Department

#### **Health Insurance or Health Care**

The Community Health Advocate is equipped with a list of resources where you can find health care for yourself or loved ones, including Mass Health. They will work with you in making the contact

#### **Tobacco Treatment and Control**

The Community Health Advocate can help connect you to the appropriate staff to help you quit or slow down your cigarette or nicotine smoking.



*Sign-up Form for Healthy Public Housing Initiative*

- Pest Management and Education
- Asthma Management
- Child Injury and Lead Prevention
- Mold
- Air Quality
- Health Insurance or Health Care
- Tobacco Treatment and Control

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