

# Mould in Housing: Information for First Nations Builders and Renovators

When you are building or renovating a home, here are a few things to consider on your next project to stop mould before it starts.

## 1. Roof and attic

- Replace old shingles, flashings and drip edges
- Insulate and seal air leakage points between the house and attic
- Use raised heel trusses to provide sufficient space for full attic insulation over the exterior walls

## 2. Windows and doors

- Choose energy-efficient windows to avoid condensation build-up
- Install moisture-resistant vinyl, fiberglass or metal clad window frames
- Replace weather stripping to seal windows and doors properly

## 3. Interior

- Install quiet, energy efficient exhaust fans and controls
- Install a heat recovery ventilation system
- Choose durable materials that are moisture resistant and easy to clean

## 4. Foundation

- Choose a well-drained building site
- Slope grading away from the foundation to divert water away from foundation walls
- Seal and insulate the foundation to keep the basement warm and dry

**For more information on mould prevention, contact CMHC at 1-800-668-2642 or visit [our website](#)<sup>1</sup> or [contact your CMHC Housing Solutions Specialist](#)<sup>2</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> [www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/professionals/industry-innovation-and-leadership/industry-expertise/indigenous-housing/develop-manage-indigenous-housing/maintenance-solutions/mould-in-housing](http://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/professionals/industry-innovation-and-leadership/industry-expertise/indigenous-housing/develop-manage-indigenous-housing/maintenance-solutions/mould-in-housing)

<sup>2</sup> [www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/about-us/contact-us/indigenous-housing-specialists](http://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/about-us/contact-us/indigenous-housing-specialists)

To request an alternate format, please contact us at:

1-800-668-2642  
[contactcentre@cmhc.ca](mailto:contactcentre@cmhc.ca)

700 Montreal Road,  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0P7

[CMHC.ca](http://CMHC.ca)

Canada

