### DON'T LET MOLD DELAY YOUR SALE

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The mold assessment & remediation process can take a month, or longer. For that reason, it's very important to have your home pre-inspected for mold.

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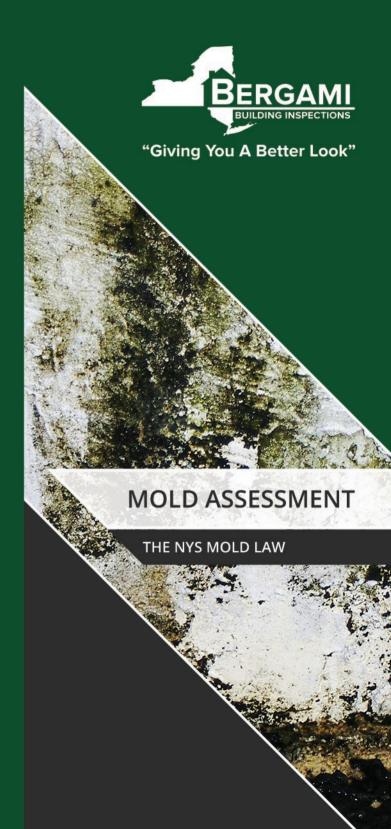


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# WHY DO MOLD ASSESSORS & REMEDIATORS NEED TO BE LICENSED?

After Hurricane Sandy, New York State witnessed a noticeable increase in the general health risks imposed by mold growth, as well as an increase in victims of unscrupulous contractors offering mold-related services.

It is in response to these dangers that NYS implemented bill S3667D-2013 on **January 1st, 2016** to regulate the assessment and remediation of mold. The causes and dangers of mold are not well understood by many, and thus it is in the interest of public safety that those offering mold-related services are properly trained and regulated.

# A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE NEW YORK STATE MOLD LAW

To put it simply, the new law requires that mold assessors and remediators are licensed by the State of New York and that the assessor is not employed by the company performing the remediation.

The new law also sets minimum work standards, including the creation of a mold remediation plan as well as a post-remediation inspection to ensure that the problem has been properly and thoroughly addressed.

#### WHAT IS A MOLD ASSESSMENT

The mold assessment is a visual inspection to discover indoor mold growth, the cause of the mold, and instruction on what needs to be done to prevent future mold growth. A visual inspection is also performed after the remediation to ensure that the problem has been solved.

It's important to note that mold is very difficult to kill. You can deprive mold of moisture, putting it into a dormant state, but remediation cannot prevent mold re-growth if the cause is not addressed.

## THE HAZARDS AND SYMPTOMS OF INDOOR MOLD

The most common effects of mold exposure, often experienced by those with allergies or weakened immune systems, include wheezing, coughing, runny nose, rash, and red, itchy and/or watery eyes.

It is thought that some toxic molds can cause much more severe symptoms such as lung or full-body infections, bleeding in the lungs and possibly even brain damage.

### **CAUSE & PREVENTION OF MOLD**

All mold requires one critical ingredient to thrive: moisture. The single most prevalent cause for mold is exhaust from bathrooms or other areas being vented into the attic. Other common causes of active mold growth include a leaky pipe or roof, moisture penetration from outside the building, high humidity etc.

The simplest way to prevent mold is to keep all areas of the building dry. You should run a dehumidifier in damp areas, and ensure that the attic and basement are properly ventilated.