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## Damp and Mold growth

Caused by dust mites, mold or fungal growth caused by dampness and/or high humidity. It includes threats to mental health and social wellbeing caused by living with damp, damp staining and/or mold growth.

**Most vulnerable:**  
14 years or less

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## Excess cold

Caused by excessively cold indoor temperatures.



**Most vulnerable:**  
65 years or older

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## Excess heat

Caused by excessively high indoor air temperatures.

**Most vulnerable:**  
65 years or older

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## Asbestos, Silica and other MMF

Caused by excessive levels of silica, asbestos and man-made mineral fibers (MMF).



**Most vulnerable:**  
No Specific Group

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## Biocides

Threats to health from those chemicals used to treat timber and mold growth in dwelling. While biocides include insecticides and rodenticides to control pest infestations (e.g. cockroaches or rats and mice), these are not considered for the purposes of the HHRT.

**Most vulnerable:**  
No Specific Group

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## Carbon monoxide and fuel combustion products

Excess levels of carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide, sulphur dioxide and smoke in the dwelling's atmosphere.



**Most vulnerable:**  
For CO - 65 years plus;  
For NO2, SO2 & smoke  
- no specific group

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## Lead

Ingestion from lead-paint dust, debris or leaded water pipes.

**Most vulnerable:**  
6 years or younger

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## Radiation

This category covers the threats to health from radon gas and its daughters, primarily airborne, but also radon dissolved in water.

**Most vulnerable:**  
All persons aged 60 - 64  
with lifelong exposure

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## Uncombusted fuel gas

Fuel gas escaping into the atmosphere within a dwelling.

**Most vulnerable:**  
No Specific Group

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## Volatile Organic Compounds

Volatile organic compounds (VOCs) are a diverse group of organic chemicals which includes formaldehyde, that are gaseous at room temperature, and are found in a wide variety of materials in the home.

**Most vulnerable:**  
No Specific Group

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## Crowding and Space

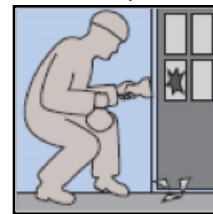
This category covers hazards associated with lack of space within the dwelling for living, sleeping and normal family/household life.

**Most vulnerable:**  
No Specific Group

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## Entry by Intruders

Difficulties in keeping a dwelling secure against unauthorized entry and the maintenance of defensible space.



**Most vulnerable:**  
No Specific Group

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## Lighting

This category covers the threats to physical and mental health

associated with inadequate natural and/or artificial light. It includes the psychological effect associated with the view from the dwelling.



**Most vulnerable:**  
No Specific Group

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## Noise

Covers threats to physical and mental health resulting from exposure to noise inside the dwelling or within its curtilage.

**Most vulnerable:**  
No Specific Group

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## Domestic Hygiene, Pests and Refuse

Covers hazards which can result from poor design, layout and construction such that the dwelling cannot be readily kept clean and hygienic; access into, and harborage within, the dwelling for pests; and inadequate and unhygienic provision for storing and disposal of household waste.



**Most vulnerable:**  
No Specific Group

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## Food Safety

Threats of infection resulting from inadequacies in provision and facilities for the storage, preparation and cooking of food.

**Most vulnerable:**  
No Specific Group

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## Personal Hygiene, Sanitation and Drainage

Threats of infection and threats to mental health associated with personal hygiene, including personal washing and clothes washing facilities, sanitation and drainage. It does not include problems with pests associated with defective drainage facilities.

**Most vulnerable:**  
Children under 5 years

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## Water Supply

Covers the quality and adequacy of the supply of water within the dwelling for drinking and for domestic purposes such as cooking, washing, cleaning and sanitation. As well as the adequacy, it includes threats to health from contamination by bacteria, protozoa, parasites, viruses, and chemical pollutants.

**Most vulnerable:**  
No Specific Group

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## Falls associated with Baths etc

This category includes any fall associated with a bath, shower or similar facility.

**Most vulnerable:**  
60 years or older

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## Falling on Level Surfaces etc

This category covers falling on any level surface such as floors, yards, and paths. It also includes falls associated with trip steps, thresholds, or ramps, where the change in level is less than 12 inches or 300mm.

**Most vulnerable:**  
60 years or older

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## Falling on Stairs etc

This category covers any fall associated with a stairs, steps and ramps where the change in level is greater than 12 inches or 300mm.



**Most vulnerable:**  
60 years or older

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## Falling between Levels

This category covers falls from one level to another, inside or

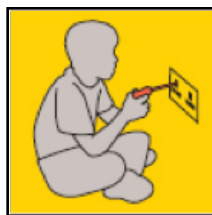
outside a dwelling, where the difference in levels is more than 12 inches or 300mm. It includes, for example, falls out of windows, falls from balconies or landings, falls from accessible roofs, into basement wells, and over garden retaining walls.

**Most vulnerable:**  
60 years or older

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## Electrical Hazards

This category covers hazards from shock and burns resulting from exposure to electricity, including from lightning strikes. (It does not include risks associated with fire caused by deficiencies to the electrical installations, such as ignition of material by a short-circuit.)



**Most vulnerable:**  
No Specific Group

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## Fire

This category covers threats from exposure to uncontrolled fire and associated smoke at a dwelling.

**Most vulnerable:**  
No Specific Group

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## Flames, Hot Surfaces etc

This category covers threats of burns – injuries caused by contact with a hot flame or fire, and contact with hot objects or hot non-water based liquids; and scalds – injuries caused by contact with hot liquids and vapors. It includes burns caused by clothing catching alight from a controlled fire or flame.

**Most vulnerable:**  
No Specific Group

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## Collision and Entrapment

This category includes risks of physical injury from trapping body parts in architectural features, such as trapping limbs or fingers in doors or windows; and striking (colliding with) objects such as architectural glazing, windows, doors, low ceilings and walls.



**Most vulnerable:**  
No Specific Group

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## Explosions

This category covers the threat from the blast of an explosion, from debris generated by the blast, and from the partial or total collapse

of a building as the result of an explosion.

**Most vulnerable:**  
No Specific Group

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## Position and Operability of Amenities etc

This category covers threats of physical strain associated with functional space and other features at dwellings.



**Most vulnerable:**  
No Specific Group

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## Structural Collapse and Falling Elements

Covers the threat of whole dwelling collapse, or of an element or a part of the fabric being displaced or falling because of inadequate fixing, disrepair, or as a result of adverse weather conditions. Structural failure may occur internally or externally within the curtilage threatening occupants, or externally outside the curtilage putting at risk members of the public.

**Most vulnerable:**  
No Specific Group