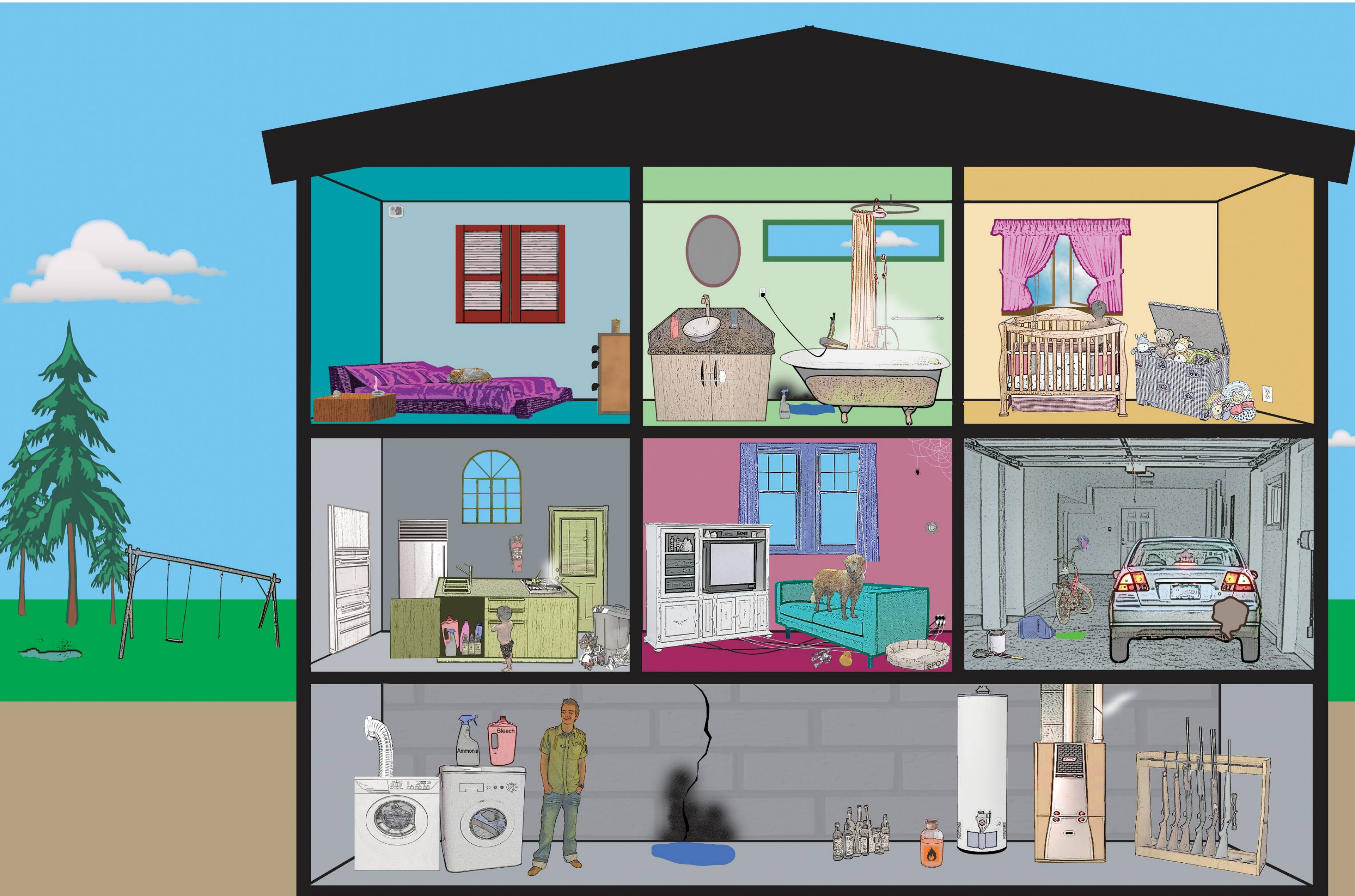




# Is Your Home Safe and Healthy?

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## Can you identify the hazards in this home?

Learn what the common hazards are and ways to make your home safer and healthier.

### Hazards, by room:

- Basement:** Crack in wall allowing water to enter. Mold growing on wall. Flammable chemical stored near the furnace and hot water heater that have a pilot light. Guns not secured in a locked cabinet. Never mix bleach and ammonia products-it makes a deadly gas. Crack in furnace pipe could mean deadly carbon monoxide (CO) gas could be leaking into the home.
- Kitchen:** Hazardous products stored low in unlocked cabinet. Handles on hot pans turned outward on stove. Overflowing garbage can could lead to pests and rodents.
- Living Room:** Dog on furniture. Mercury thermostat. Multiple cords running across open floor. Cobwebs. Lead paint on windowsill. Toys spread out across floor. Overloaded outlet.
- Garage:** Open paint can not stored up high. Antifreeze spilled on floor. Car turned on and left running.
- Adult Bedroom:** Dog on bed. Candle burning while unattended. Cigarette smoking in sleeping area. Unattended burning cigarette. Personal prescription bottle not stored away and up high.
- Bathroom:** Hairdryer plugged in and near water source. Bath water too hot. Mold on wall. Water puddle on floor. Bleach bottle on floor.
- Child's Bedroom:** No outlet plugs in unused outlets. Crib placed near window. No window guards in window. Blind cord string is looped.
- Outside:** Mosquito breeding puddle of water. Broken swing set.

### Ways to make your home safer and healthier:

- Basement:** Seal cracks in foundation and walls to remove possible water intrusion source. Have mold properly removed. Put trigger locks on guns and keep guns stored in locked cabinet. Have furnace and other gas appliances inspected yearly to prevent carbon monoxide leaks. Store flammable products up high and away from sources of heat.
- Kitchen:** Place a fire extinguisher in the kitchen. Turn handles of hot pans inward to avoid burns. Remove garbage frequently to keep pests and rodents away. Store hazardous products up high and in locked cabinets.
- Living Room:** Keep pets off furniture. Replace mercury thermostat with digital thermostat. Clean and wet wipe dust regularly. Have your paint tested for lead- if it's lead-based paint, your child could get poisoned. Keep cords against the walls to prevent falls. Place toys in a storage bin when not being used.
- Garage:** Don't start your car inside a garage, this could cause carbon monoxide poisoning. Keep hazardous products like antifreeze and paint sealed tightly and placed up high out of reach of children. Wear a helmet when biking.
- Adult Bedroom:** Don't let pets sleep in your bed or in your bedroom. Do not smoke inside your home. Don't keep candles or other items burning unattended. Keep prescriptions stored up high in a locked cabinet.
- Bathroom:** Keep appliances unplugged when not in use and away from sources of water. Install grab bars near toilet and bathtub/shower. Put safety latches on cabinets. Keep cleaning supplies and personal products up high and locked away. Run the exhaust fan. Set the temperature of water heater to be less than 120 degrees.
- Child's Bedroom:** Place outlet plugs in unused outlets. Don't place cribs or children's beds near a window. Cut blind cord loops.
- Outside:** Remove or fix broken swing set.