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### Toxic Mold

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When you hear the words.. toxic mold.. you conjure up images about old.. flooded.. damaged home. It's a problem that can affect your wallet or more importantly your health. But.. It can happen in new homes too.

---there's 4 different kinds...

Mark Fine's office used to be the bedroom of his son.. Parker. Soon.. after the Fines moved into the there was a smell in the room. Then.. Parker started getting sick. There was mold.

---after a while we knew it had to be there. there was some ooze inside that outlet.

Fine says it all started with how the builder repaired a leak.

---those cracks go all the way down there. they are all discolored and the repairs they did stopped t dry out the water that leaked through. that's why the mold came.

While sister Morgan was unaffected.. Mark and his wife developed chronic sniffles... and Parker's n treatment for asthma and sinus infections.. plus daily medications.

---he'd be waking up wheezing not being able to breathe and almost to the point that a couple times hospital.

---if you suspect.. that you have mold in you home, you might want to call your health department. a may not be happy with what you.. find out.

---well, the most.. common thing that people ask to to do something to force someone to do things : regulations covering mold.

Melinda Robinson.. is an Environmental Specialist at the Palm Beach County Health Department. T just a reminder.. that mold can strike.. anywhere.. in south florida.. even in a new home.

---especially with.. new construction you have to look in surprising place where water can.. enter the That's advice.. Mark Fine wishes that he had heard.. before his son got sick.. and medical bills pilec when I see my son with the mask on his face when he can't breathe at night it makes me real angry

That was a few weeks ago.

Now... the Fines are back in their home.. and feeling great.

Parker is back in his old room.. and not taking medication.

The clean-up cost 5- thousand dollars.. and the Fines caught it before it spread into the walls.. and

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