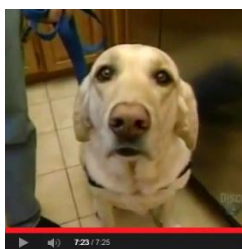


## How does MOLD affect Air Quality & Your Health?



*"One of my colleagues in Toronto has been using the keen nose of a dog in the fight against mold."*



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*Mold spores are floating around us in the air all the time, just looking for some damp organic material to grow on. Excessive mold in your home can affect the quality of the air you breathe and your overall health.*

Our past clients who were affected by mold often reported feeling very unwell but their doctors were unable find any underlying illness. They experienced repeated: headaches, breathing difficulties, respiratory infections, excessive coughing, dizziness, confusion and tiredness.

As a home seasoned home inspector, I've found that mold can be quite tricky to detect without the proper equipment. Certain forms of mold are odorless and can grow unseen for years. Home owners are often are completely unaware until they get sick.

At Duxbury & Associates we take air quality very seriously. We encourage home owners to be pro-active in getting their air quality checked to ensure that their well being and their family's health is protected. We offer scientific tests which detect trace moisture levels and collect air samples, which are sealed, logged and couriered to the lab. We then provide a comprehensive report which determines the potential mold toxicity and recommends actions to improve air quality. Our reports have been used as evidence in legal cases where air quality was in dispute.

### FAQ's

**QUESTION?** If we have mold... can't we just kill it with bleach?

**ANSWER: NO** Killing mold growth once established with bleach is not recommended by leading industry experts. Using bleach will only retard mold growth for a short period of time. Dead mold spores can be just as toxic as living mold spores. Mold does not behave the same way as bacteria and killing it should not be mistaken as clean-up or removal.

**QUESTION?** If we have mold on drywall why don't we just tear it out?

**Do we really need a professional inspection and renovation?**

**ANSWER: YES** Mold growing on drywall, is often an indicator of a more serious mold issue inside the wall. Disturbed mold spreads so if the wall is opened without protecting the rest of the area from traveling mold spores, you may be making the problem worse and more expensive to fix.