World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe Quantifying Disease from Inadequate Housing

Housing Inadequacy	Disease	
Linkages with sufficient evidence for estimating burden of disease		
Heat	Related cardiovascular effects and/or excess mortality	
Cold indoor temperatures	Winter excess mortality	
Energy efficiency of housing	Health	
Radon exposure in dwellings	Cancer	
Neighbourhood and building noise	Related health effects	
Environmental tobacco smoke in dwellings	Respiratory and allergic effects	
Lead in paint, dust, soil, and drinking water	Lead-related health effects	
Humidity and mould in dwellings	Related health effects	
Hygrothermal conditions	House dust mite exposure & respiratory	
	disease	
Building and equipment factors	Injuries / domestic accidents	
Injury Database on domestic accidents	Injuries	
Multifamily housing, high-rise housing, and	Mental health	
housing quality		

Linkages with some evidence for estimating burden of disease

Ventilation in the dwelling	Respiratory and allergic effects
Volatile organic compounds	Respiratory, cardiovascular and allergic effects
Cockroaches and rodents in dwellings	Respiratory and allergic effects
Cats, dogs, and mites in dwellings	Respiratory and allergic effects
Pets and mites	Respiratory, allergic or asthmatic effects
Sanitation and hygiene conditions	Related physical health effects
Social conditions of housing	Fear / fear of crime
Poverty and social exclusion	Related health effects
Crowding	Related health effects
Social factors / social climate	Mental health

Linkages with insufficient evidence for estimating burden of disease

Lighting conditions in the dwelling	Mental and other health effects
Particulate matter in indoor air	Respiratory and allergic effects

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