

# UNDERSTAND THE BASICS OF HOUSING CODES



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## UNDERSTAND THE BASICS OF HOUSING CODES



Describe the evolution of housing codes.



Identify 2 interior and 2 exterior housing problems that are common today.



Identify 2 ways an inspection is initiated and the benefits of each.



Identify 2 inspection approaches and the benefits of each.

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**HOW DID...**

# HOUSING CODES

**ORIGINATE**



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**HOW HAVE...**

# HOUSING CODES

**EVOLVED**



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**WHAT IS THE MAIN PURPOSE OF...**

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## HOW DID CODES ORIGINATE?

### Code of Hammurabi 1700 BC

Code 229. If a builder builds a house for someone and does not construct it properly, and the house which he built falls in and kills its owner, then that builder shall be put to death.

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## HOW DID CODES ORIGINATE?

### Code of Hammurabi 1700 BC

Code 233. If a builder builds a house for someone, even though he has not yet completed it, if the walls seem toppling, the builder must make the wall solid from his own means.

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## HOW HAVE CODES EVOLVED?

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WHAT IS THE MAIN PURPOSE OF...

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## AMERICAN HOUSING SURVEY

[HTTP://WWW.CENSUS.GOV/PROGRAMS-SURVEYS/AHS/](http://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/ahs/)

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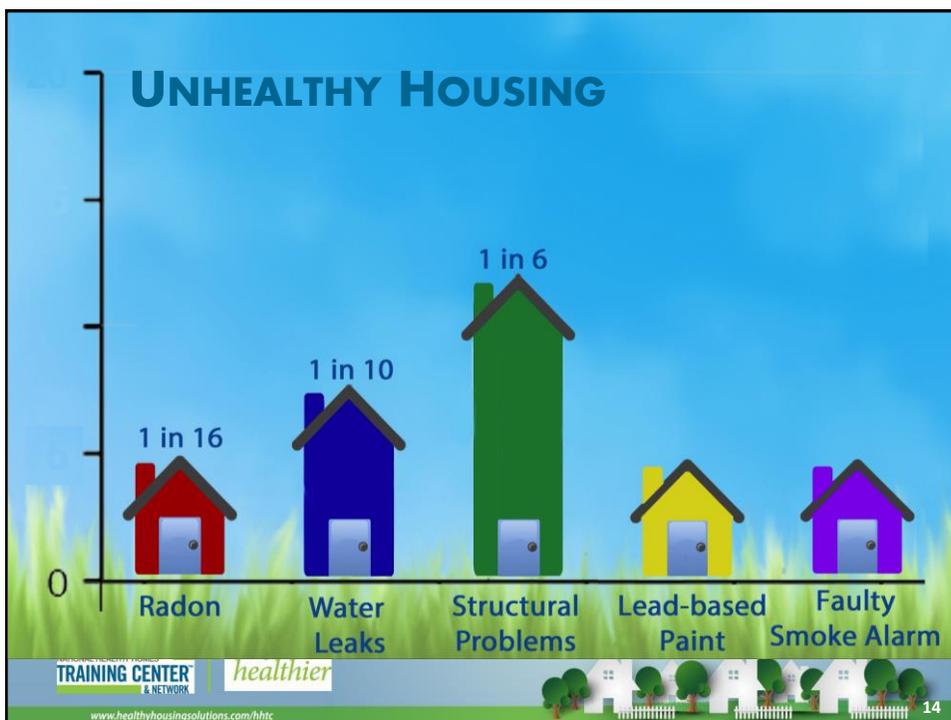
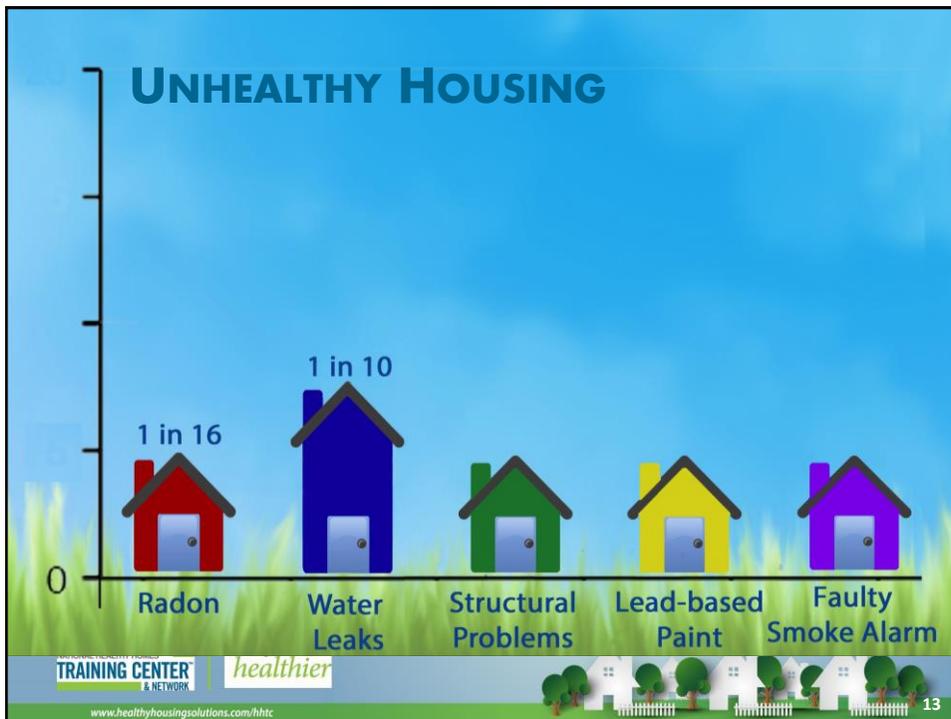
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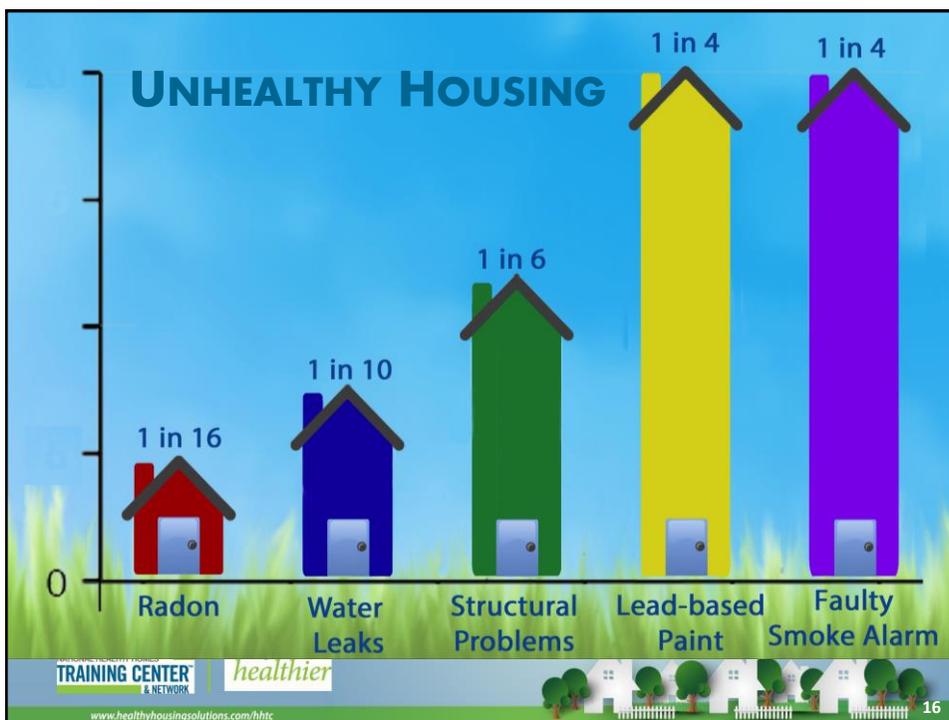
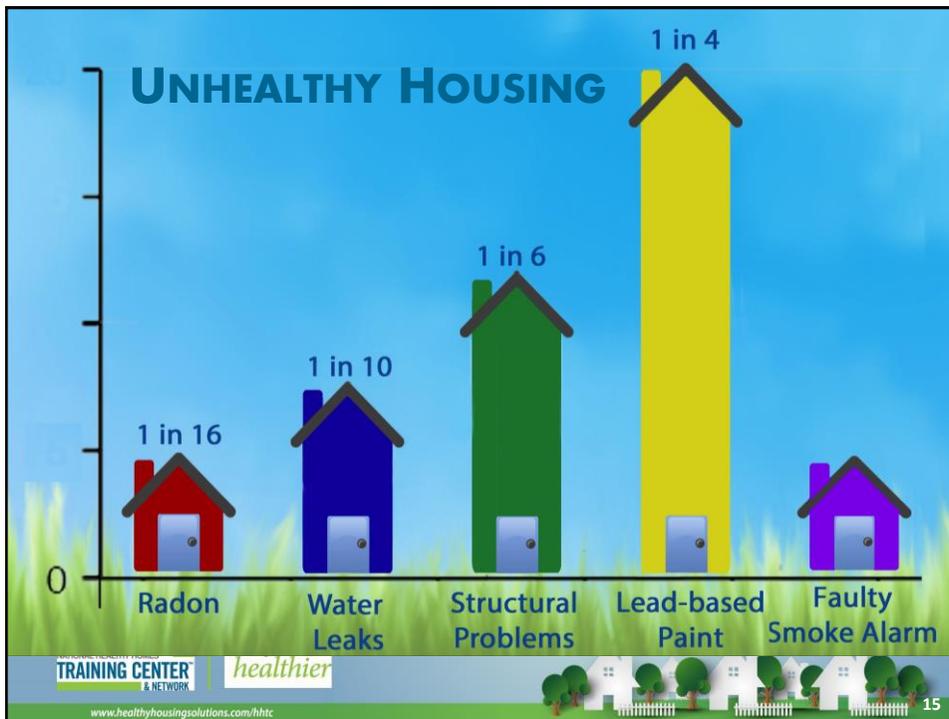
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## EXTERIOR PHYSICAL CONDITION

Occupied housing units, 2015 American Housing Survey

19%	
One or More Exterior Problem	
Exterior condition	% among total # of units
Foundation crumbling/crack/hole	5.1%
Broken windows	3.7%
Missing roofing material	2.8%
Missing outside wall material	2.2%
Sagging roof	1.8%
Hole in roof	1.3%
Sloping outside walls	1.1%
Boarded up windows	1.0%



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**WHAT ARE THE  
TOP CODE VIOLATIONS  
IN YOUR AREA?**



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# WHAT ARE YOUR LOCAL PROCEDURES?



Complaint-driven vs. routine inspections

Single issue vs. holistic approach



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# REVIEW: CAN YOU...

...briefly describe the evolution of housing codes?



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## REVIEW: CAN YOU...

...identify the two guiding principles of housing codes?



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## REVIEW: CAN YOU...

...name two interior housing problems that are common today?



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## REVIEW: CAN YOU...

...name two exterior housing problems that are common today?



## REVIEW: CAN YOU...

...identify 2 ways an inspection might be initiated and the benefits of each?



## REVIEW: CAN YOU...

...identify 2 approaches to inspections and the benefits of each?



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