



National Safe and Healthy Housing Coalition

2014 Policy Agenda

Long-term Policy Goals

- Political support and sufficient funding allocated for affordable healthy housing by Congress and the Administration.
- Inclusion of healthy housing principles in federal housing policies and programs to support equity and residential stability, and to reduce health disparities.
- Greater emphasis on safe and healthy housing in the International Property Maintenance Code and its broad adoption.
- A widely used, evidence-based healthy housing standard.
- A health care financing and service delivery system that supports safe and healthy housing.
- Legislative authority that enhances federal healthy housing activities.
- Renewed and strengthened commitment to keeping pre-1978 housing lead-safe.
- Strong housing code enforcement and administration.

2014 Policy Priorities

1. Restore appropriations for lead poisoning prevention and healthy homes at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
2. Support appropriations for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's lead hazard control and healthy homes programs.
3. Promote financing for home-based services to address environmental health and safety hazards.
4. Promote adoption of the National Healthy Housing Standard and the International Property Maintenance Code.
5. Support enactment of the Title X Lead Hazard Control Program modernization bill.
6. Support appropriations for and reauthorization of the U.S. Department of Energy's Weatherization Assistance Program.
7. Promote effective housing code administration and enforcement policies.

Allied Efforts

The National Safe and Healthy Housing Coalition supports efforts of its member organizations and other national coalitions to advance policies that protect public health, affordable housing, and other critical social services, including but not limited to the following allied efforts:

- Supporting funding for the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Asthma Control Program, the National Housing Trust Fund, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Radon Program, and other federal programs that support the availability of healthy housing.
- Promoting smoke-free housing policies that protect tenants from environmental tobacco smoke and preserve stable housing for all tenants (smokers and nonsmokers).
- Requiring or incentivizing radon-resistant new construction techniques in high-risk areas.
- Diversifying the use of federal block grant funds for home repair and code administration/inspection.
- Advancing toxic chemical reform.
- Supporting efforts to illuminate and address poor quality housing in rural communities.