Asthma is more common among renters receiving housing assistance. The rate of asthma is about twice as high for people who live in public housing than the general population.

Steps to Controlling Indoor Air Pollution

1. Enact a smokefree policy that eliminates smoking in all indoor areas and within 25 feet of buildings.
2. Test all units for radon and fix if elevated levels exist.
3. Fix leaks and drips to prevent the growth of mold.
4. Fit kitchens with an exhaust fan that moves air outside the building.
5. Vent clothes dryers to the outdoors.
6. Use integrated pest management strategies to control infestations.
7. Install carbon monoxide monitors and inspect twice annually.
8. Use low or no-VOC products when cleaning, renovating and during construction.

For more information about how to reduce indoor air pollutants, visit Lung.org/asthma-in-homes