

Safety At Home Series

Part 3: Keep It Safe & Contaminant-Free



Rebuilding Together Silicon Valley Believes that everyone deserves to live in a safe and healthy home. We put that belief into action through our 3 programs. Our Critical Repairs program focuses on anything that could be potentially catastrophic to a home owner being able to safely remain in their homes i.e., hot water heaters, furnace replacements, roof repairs or replacements. Our Safe At Home program focuses on our home adapting alongside us as our needs change by altering providing all necessary safety measures for home owner accessibility. And lastly, our Rebuilding Days are our culminating volunteer based blitz building days the focus on beautification projects and volunteer friendly activities to wrap up the year round repairs we've previously accomplished for our homeowners.



The 8 safe and healthy housing principles as established by the Department of Housing and urban Development: Clean, Dry, Pest-free, well-ventilated, safe, contaminant-free, maintained and thermally controlled.



Keeping your home safe is extremely important for your health. Based on rate of incidents according to healthcare professionals the following preventable injuries occur in our homes regularly:

Preventable injuries:

- Choking & Suffocation
- Drowning
- Electrical Shock
- Entry by Intruders
- Fires & Burns
- Firearms accidents
- Poisoning
- Trips & Falls

Rebuilding Together Silicon Valley can help focuses mainly on falls prevents and fire prevention. Falls can have a terrible cascade effect on our health and overall quality of life. In home fires kill on average about 7 people per day across the U.S. and are usually caused by cooking, heating equipment, electrical lighting and clothing dryers. We recommend you and your family arrange furniture to ensure tripping hazards are minimized and that you have properly installed 10-year smoke and CO detectors.



Keeping your home contaminant-free ensures the health of you and your loved ones. Contaminants are most dangerous when they become airborne and are breathed in.

The main contaminants that can effect your health at home are:

- Environmental Tobacco, second hand and third hand smoke
- Lead based Paint (LBP)
- Asbestos
- Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC's)
- Pesticides
- Radon



Rebuilding Together Silicon Valley can help with reviewing and inspecting prominent areas for contaminants, provide lead and radon tests when necessary and professionally with the appropriate precautions remove any existing contaminants.

