



2013 Policy Agenda

Long Term Policy Goals

The National Safe and Healthy Housing Coalition seeks to achieve the following goals:

- Political support and sufficient funding allocated for healthy housing by Congress and the Administration.
- Inclusion of healthy housing principles in federal housing policies and programs.
- 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 incentivizes 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.

2013 Policy Priorities

In 2013, the National Safe and Healthy Housing Coalition will work to:

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. Identify challenges and opportunities for using Medicaid and Affordable Care Act authorities to advance healthy housing.
4. Develop a national health-based housing standard.
5. Support healthy homes proposals for adoption in the International Property Maintenance Code.
6. Support enactment of the Title X Lead Hazard Control Program modernization bill.
7. Support enactment of the Healthy Housing Council Act.
8. Support appropriations for the U.S. Department of Energy's Weatherization Assistance Program.
9. Identify challenges and opportunities for increasing administration and enforcement of and compliance with housing codes.

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 balanced smoke-free housing policies that protect tenants from environmental tobacco smoke and preserve stable housing for all tenants (smokers and non-smokers).
- Diversifying the use of federal block grant funds for home repair and code administration/inspection.
- Passing the Safer Chemicals Act.
- Adopting the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code and Model Aquatics Health Code.
- Reducing homelessness and other forms of housing insecurity.