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Moldy Hotels

The WLWT Eyewitness News 5 Investigators have been inundated with calls from viewers wanting to know more about mold and how to get rid of it.

Mold has gotten a lot of attention here in the Tri-State since the investigators first found it in a Springdale hotel. It's called *stachybotrys chartarum*. Toxins from this type of mold have been linked to bleeding in the lungs of infants in Cleveland and Chigago. Chemists at the University of Maryland, College Park, are experts in the toxins *stachybotrys chartarum* can produce.

If you want to test your mold, you might call the local NIOSH office for advice. NIOSH is a branch of the federal government.

Experts say to get rid of mold you must first fix whatever moisture problem is causing it, then use bleach product. To keep mold out of the air you breathe, focus on the filters in your heating and air conditioning systems. Stores that sell home supplies can give you advice. You may even want to check with the one-stop allergy stop.

Finally, keep the humidity in your home below 60 percent to reduce your risk for mold growth.

If you rent your home and your landlord isn't making structural repairs to help stop the mold, contact your local health and building departments for inspections.

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