

INDUSTRY EXPERTS GATHER IN THE MILE HIGH CITY FOR THE 2011 NATIONAL HEALTHY HOMES CONFERENCE

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The 2011 National Healthy Homes Conference is the housing industry's most comprehensive and educational forum on the issue of healthy, safe and sustainable homes. This federally-sponsored event will take place in Denver, Colorado from **June 20-23**. Millions of American families still face health and safety hazards at home, like mold, lead, radon and pest infestation. The Conference will address these pervasive issues, among others, during four plenaries and more than 150 educational sessions. Consider this:

- An estimated 38 million housing units still contain lead-based paint, a contributor to learning disabilities and developmental delays.
- Nearly 25 million Americans have asthma, a disease often triggered by dust mites, pests, mold and animal dander.
- Radon is a leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers.
- Unintentional injuries are the leading cause of death in all children ages 1-18.

When: Monday – Thursday 9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Plenary sessions begin each morning at 9:00 a.m. in the Wells Fargo Theater

Where: Colorado Convention Center, 700 14th Street, Denver, Colorado 80202, Lobby A

Monday Plenary Speakers include:

- Deputy Secretary Ron Sims, Housing and Urban Development
- Denver Mayor Guillermo (Bill) V. Vidal
- Deputy Administrator Bob Perciasepe, Environmental Protection Agency
- Gary Officer, president and CEO, Rebuilding Together
- Steve Shultz, regional vice president, Lowe's

Tuesday Plenary Speakers include:

- Dr. Georges Benjamin, executive director, American Public Health Association
- Jonathan Reckford, CEO, Habitat for Humanity
- Mike Holmes, host, Holmes on Homes, HGTV

Wednesday Plenary Speakers include:

- Mimi Corcoran, Special Fund for Poverty Alleviation, Open Society Foundation
- Steve Thomas, host, Renovation Nation
- Dr. Leonard Weather, President, National Medical Association
- Nate Kredich, vice president of Residential Market Development, U.S. Green Building Council

Thursday Plenary/Townhall Speakers include:

- Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- Dr. Christopher Portier, Director, National Center for Environmental Health Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

Interview Opportunities Available. To schedule an interview or for additional information, visit our website at www.healthyhomesconference.org, contact Niki Mitchell, 202-744-4336, or Sherrie Lassiter at (301) 792-6870.

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