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# NEWSLETTER

## MONTHLY UPDATED INDUSTRY NEWS

### 5 WAYS YOUR CRAWL SPACE CAN AFFECT YOUR HEALTH

When is the last time you looked inside your crawl space? If you're like most homeowners with a crawl space under their home, this dark, moldy pit filled with cobwebs, spiders and who knows what else, probably isn't a place you visit very often, or at all. Studies have shown that as much as 40% of the air in your home comes up through the crawl space.



#### 1. Moisture

Whether it's from standing water after a rainstorm or just the dirt floor, evaporating moisture can damage wood and insulation and eventually make its way into your home. Mold in the crawl space and upstairs living areas is a common problem caused by excess moisture.

#### 2. Pests (and their droppings)

Moisture in the crawl space is a magnet for spiders, mice, rats, snakes, termites and other nasty pests. Because the crawl space is usually left undisturbed, this provides a safe haven for critters looking for a cozy home.

#### 3. Radon

You can't see or smell radon gas, but it's found in almost all soils. It comes from the natural decay of uranium and it moves up through the ground and into the air above and eventually into your home.

#### 4. Outside air

If the air outside is worse than the air inside, then vents into the crawl space will let this polluted outside air into your crawl space and eventually up into your home.

#### 5. Ducts in the crawl space

If the ducting for your HVAC system is running through the crawl space, it acts as a highway, carrying all the dust, moisture, rodent droppings, and chemicals from the crawl space directly into your living space and your air. Ducts that are well-sealed shouldn't be an issue, but the reality is that ducts in the crawl space are usually poorly installed and unsealed.

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