



## FAQ's: MOULD INFESTATION

**It is vital that all team members are equipped with glove, masks and adequate clothing to protect themselves against the spores**

### **Prevent Further Damage:**

Block off areas that have been affected from the rest of the building to ensure spores do not spread

Cover or remove undamaged objects as soon as possible to another isolated area unaffected by the attack

Allocate staff and volunteers into teams for salvage

Locate supplies: containers, blank newsprint, clean sheeting, blotter paper, towelling, fans, extension cords, work lights, ladders, padding materials, mops, buckets, sponges, hand tools, plastic bags, boots, aprons, tags and labels, scissors, pencils and paper, clipboards, filament tape, waterproof markers, rubber gloves, and a source of clean water

Contact a commercial dehumidification or pest control firm if your building is large, based on the advice of a conservator

Move collections to a safe area if in danger from mould growth or pest infestation. However do not place in an area with other objects in case infestation or mould spores are already present

Locate de-humidifiers, wet and dry vacuums and fans, and use only if you know the area is safe

Consult a conservator on methods of dealing with the damage caused by this problem

Plan removal of objects into safe isolated areas for conservation treatment

Check regularly