

Announcements - November

WHO Housing and Health Guidelines ---- released Nov 2018

Improved housing conditions can save lives, reduce disease, increase quality of life, reduce poverty, help mitigate climate change and contribute to the achievement of a number of Sustainable Development Goals, including those addressing health (SDG 3) & sustainable cities (SDG 11).

Housing is therefore a major entry point for intersectoral public health programs and primary prevention.

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Read more <https://bit.ly/2sf3WMO>

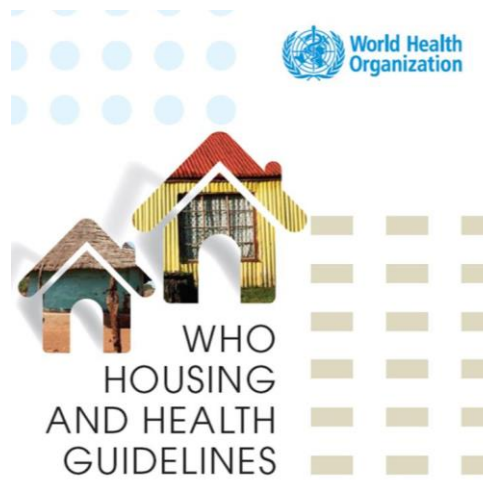







Table 1 Recommendations of the WHO Housing and health guidelines

Topic	Recommendation	Strength of recommendation
 Crowding	Strategies should be developed and implemented to prevent and reduce household crowding.	Strong
 Indoor cold and insulation	Indoor housing temperatures should be high enough to protect residents from the harmful health effects of cold. For countries with temperate or colder climates, 18 °C has been proposed as a safe and well-balanced indoor temperature to protect the health of general populations during cold seasons.	Strong
	In climate zones with a cold season, efficient and safe thermal insulation should be installed in new housing and retrofitted in existing housing.	Conditional
 Indoor heat	In populations exposed to high ambient temperatures, strategies to protect populations from excess indoor heat should be developed and implemented.	Conditional
 Home safety and injuries	Housing should be equipped with safety devices (such as smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, stair gates and window guards) and measures should be taken to reduce hazards that lead to unintentional injuries.	Strong
 Accessibility	Based on the current and projected national prevalence of populations with functional impairments and taking into account trends of ageing, an adequate proportion of the housing stock should be accessible to people with functional impairments.	Strong

Poland hosts climate change conference

Poland Dec 1, 2018

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Climate change is already "a matter of life and death" for many countries.... the world is "nowhere near where it needs to be" on the transition to a low-carbon economy. (BBC)

**Antonio Guterres,
UN Secretary-General**

"Climate change is humanity's greatest threat in thousands of years... that it could lead to the collapse of civilisations and the extinction of much of the natural world". (BBC)

Older generations have "messed up the planet", letting down younger people, who are "angry" about it and want it to stop, British naturalist David Attenborough said on Monday." (Reuters)

--- He said: Betrayal of the young generation left him with a sense of "misery". (Reuters)

**Sir David Attenborough,
The climate change conference in Poland**

A recent study showed "CO₂ emissions are on the rise again after stalling for four years." (BBC)

"Representatives from around 200 nations have gathered for the UN climate talks in Poland.

The summit comes against a backdrop of dire environmental warnings and a call for action against the threats posed by climate change. [See more](#)

Goals (DW English)

- 1- Seeking ways of implementing commitments made in the 2015 Paris treaty to limit the rise of global temperatures.
- 2- Despite the fact that the city of Katowice is playing host to the most important talks on global warming in years, Poland itself is still committed to using fossil fuels such as coal.