

Air Quality:

Carbon Monoxide Poisoning: CO is an odorless gas that kills people in their homes. When gases are not vented properly (from gas ranges, gas dryers, oil & gas furnaces, kerosene heaters, etc.) CO can accumulate.

Radon Detection: Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer.

Asthma: Particles in the air (pollen, smoke, dust, dander from animals, insect debris, etc.), are often asthma triggers.

Lung Cancer: Can be caused by tobacco smoke, pollution or radon gas in the home.

Incidences of bronchitis, tonsillitis, ear infections, COPD, asthma attacks and Sudden Infant Death Syndrome can be reduced or eliminated after secondhand smoke is removed from a residence. We can also assist the smoker by providing smoking cessation materials.

Lead Poisoning:

Homes built before 1978 may have lead paint on the walls, on the window sills and wells. We can help you to protect your child from permanent learning disabilities.

Fires, Injury Prevention, Accidental Poisoning

Our trained staff members can help to identify problematic areas in your home before an accident happens.

You may receive some of these FREE PRODUCTS (as determined by our trained staff) to improve the conditions in your home: smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, batteries, asthma relief products, cleaning supplies, etc.

Free Speaker Available

The Public Health Educator is available to speak to groups of all ages in Niagara County for schools, clubs and organizations. A wide variety of topics are available and a list of them can be sent to you via email, or you can call

(716) 439-7479 for information.

There is no charge for this service.

Presentations are available
Monday - Friday (daytime)

Monday - Thursday (evenings)

Check out our website @

<http://www.niagaracounty.com/health/Services/Healthy-Neighborhoods-Program-Home-Visits>

Call us today to set up a FREE appointment. Let us help you

to prevent sickness and accidents in your home.

You and your family deserve a safe and healthy place to live.

**NIAGARA COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**



HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS PROGRAM

A FREE HEALTH & SAFETY PROGRAM

Providing health & safety education, materials and products door to door in Niagara County Neighborhoods.

(716) 439-7414



What is the Healthy Neighborhoods Program?

The Healthy Neighborhoods Program is a **FREE** New York State Department of Health grant funded door to door health and safety program that is dedicated to improving health outcomes and a better quality of life for residents in Niagara County. The program has six major focus areas of concern:

1. Fire Prevention & Safety
 2. Air Quality
(carbon monoxide poisoning prevention, radon detection, eliminating secondhand smoke & reducing particulate matter)
 3. Preventing Lead Poisoning
 4. Preventing Falls & Accidents in the Home
 5. Cigarette Smoking Education & Cessation
- Preventing Asthma Attacks Caused by Environmental Triggers

Can the Healthy Neighborhoods Program make me or my landlord make improvements?

No. Only the Code Enforcement Officer in your town or city can do that.

If I choose to allow the technicians into my home will they fine me for things that need to be done?

NO! The Healthy Neighborhoods Program is not an enforcement agency. We may make some recommendations to you about how you can improve a situation, but the choice is yours whether or not to follow up with these suggestions. **Our program staff has no authority to fine you or anyone else.**

The front of the brochure mentions "FREE" health & safety materials and products.

What does that mean?
The technicians will make a professional assessment of the home and determine if some safety remediation needs to be done. At that time, they may or may not replace smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors and/or batteries to keep you safe. Some families will receive other health and safety products to improve their health and well-being. Every household visited receives a **FREE** packet of health and safety educational materials.

All of the products given during a Healthy Neighborhoods Program home visits are absolutely FREE of charge and there are no strings attached. *

* We do not provide weatherization materials, new windows or roofing.

Who works for the

Healthy Neighborhoods Program?
The Healthy Neighborhoods Program is managed by a **Public Health Educator and conducted by 2 Public Health Technicians**. All of the staff members are trained according to New York State Department of Health standards.

Can I Schedule a Healthy Neighborhoods Program Visit?

Yes! If you missed the technicians when they visited, or if you have just heard about us, **call the phone number on the front of this brochure**. We only visit Monday – Friday during daytime hours.

Why is the Healthy Neighborhoods Program visiting in my neighborhood?

Many people are unaware of the health hazards in their homes. These health hazards have a variety of effects on the people who live in the home. Many of these conditions can be improved or eliminated with better environmental health & safety awareness: