

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **National Flood School's Introduction to Mould Remediation Course Launched**

Contractors, restorers, insurance companies and health and safety specialists are being urged to attend a National Flood School Introduction to Mould Remediation course.

There are numerous health risks associated with some mould spores – and legal action relating to the associated illnesses is becoming more common in the UK.

Moulds have been identified as a trigger for infections, asthma, sinusitis and allergies, and they produce irritants and, in some cases, toxins that affect humans.

Substantial damages awards have led U.S. insurers to exclude mould-related claims from many general policies, and it is likely to become one of the hot topics for insurers and the health and safety industry in the UK over the next two years.

Contractors and restorers, meanwhile, can create significant turnover by adding mould remediation skills to their portfolio with the help of the National Flood School.

Chris Netherton, Managing Director of The National Flood School, said: "Toxic mould claims are on the rise in the UK, and I can only see them becoming a huge issue for insurance professionals over here – just as they are in the U.S.



"That means the issue needs to be fully understood by the insurance industry so it can avoid costs and improve customer service.

"It also needs to be understood by contractors and restorers because water damage and fire damage often create the ideal conditions for mould growth.

"The Introduction to Mould Remediation course run by the National Flood School will give technicians the knowledge and skills to begin a minor mould remediation claim – and the opportunity to boost turnover significantly by demonstrating knowledge in an area that is going to become more and more important."

The two-day Introduction to Mould Remediation explains what mould is, how it grows, the health risks it poses and how it should be dealt with safely.

It also covers inspection, containment and decontamination techniques, cleaning methods and basic swab testing.

At the end of the course, which can count towards Continuing Education Credits, attendees receive a National Flood School Certificate.

It is being delivered at the National Flood School's headquarters in Farnham, Surrey, on November 8 and November 9.

Videos about the National Flood School can be seen at the National Flood School's own YouTube channel [www.youtube.com/nationalfloodschool](http://www.youtube.com/nationalfloodschool)

For more details about the National Flood School, the Introduction to Mould Remediation and other specialist training, visit [www.nationalfloodschool.co.uk](http://www.nationalfloodschool.co.uk) or call 01252 821185.

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### Notes To Editors

Recognised across the UK and Europe as a leader in the research, development, testing and education of a wide-range of techniques and systems to enhance the restoration of property damaged by flood and fire, the National Flood School was founded in 1988.

Based in Farnham, Surrey, The National Flood School shares its expertise to support and train restoration professionals and provides information and professional guidance for many other associated industries, including insurers and loss adjusters.

The organisation has three specific divisions: training, consultancy and research and development.

The National Flood School has been accredited by the British Damage Management Association (BDMA as a Licensed Training Centre.

This accreditation sees the National Flood School now offer regular courses under the BDMA Licensed Damage Management Training programme, alongside its own comprehensive training events.

It also writes and maintains the BSI Code of Practice for Professional Water Damage Mitigation (PAS 64).