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Commercial Property Damage Claims Can Reveal Unexpected Indoor Environmental Exposure Risks

Each year, billions of dollars are paid to settle insured property damage claims. While most people hope they never have to file a claim for damage to their home or business, statistics show that as recently as 2013, over 4% of insured homes had a claim and there were billions of dollars in commercial property losses.

Some of the most common commercial insurance claims revolve around water damage, fire damage, and wind and storm damage. While damage from any one of these common causes is often quite evident, these events can also create potential indoor environmental concerns that many property owners may not readily recognize. These could be due to the actual damage or result from cleanup and repair activities.

These may include:

- Leaking Gas Lines
- Carbon Monoxide
- Smoke and Soot Residues
- Mold, Bacteria and Viruses
- Chemical Contaminants

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"For anyone faced with damage to their commercial property, they should promptly notify their insurance provider and assess the situation for any potential hazards," said Franco Seif, President of Clark Seif Clark (CSC). "Depending on the type of damage, age of the property and materials used for construction, they should consider possible exposure risks that could now be in the property or result from cleanup and repair activities. At CSC, our building science and indoor environmental quality professionals provide comprehensive site investigations to identify possible exposure risks due to everything from mold and bacteria to lead-based paints, PCB contaminated caulks, asbestos and smoke residues. These services not only help to protect future building occupants, but can also be instrumental for providing a clear scope of damages and repairs that might otherwise be overlooked."

CSC recently sponsored an educational video about property damage claims and indoor environmental concerns that can be seen here:



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Common Endocrine Disruptors Found in Indoor Environments

Many people spend up to 90% of their time indoors, so whether at home, work or school, it's important that the indoor environment provides for a safe and healthy place for all building occupants. In recent years, people have become increasingly aware of concerns

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associated with indoor exposure to such things as asbestos, lead-based paints and elevated levels of mold.

Another group of indoor pollutants has also begun to receive growing attention from many scientists and public health advocates. These pollutants are a group of chemicals known as endocrine disruptors. According to the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, "Endocrine disruptors are chemicals that may interfere with the body's endocrine system and produce adverse developmental, reproductive, neurological, and immune effects in both humans and wildlife."

These substances can be either naturally occurring or man-made and people can be exposed to them in numerous ways. A partial list of known and suspected endocrine disruptors includes:

- Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)
- Bisphenol A (BPA)
- Perchlorate
- Phthalates
- Dioxin and Dioxin-like Compounds
- DDT
- Fire Retardants
- Arsenic
- Cadmium
- Lead
- Mercury

Many of these substances are believed to be endocrine disruptors and in some circumstances can be found in commercial and residential properties. Some of these substances have been used in pesticides, herbicides, consumer products, pharmaceuticals and even as components to building materials, furnishings and other products. Simply breathing polluted air in a home or building or touching a surface could be all it takes to be exposed.

The building science and indoor environmental quality professionals at Clark Seif Clark (CSC) utilize advanced instrumentation and decades of experience to identify indoor pollutants to protect building occupants. CSC has sponsored an educational video about endocrine disruptors and indoor exposure concerns that can be seen here:



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About Clark Seif Clark: CSC was established in 1989 to help clients in both the public and private sectors address environmental issues. CSC is a leading provider of these services with multiple offices along the western seaboard and southwest. The company believes in science-based protocols and has a strong background in engineering making them the preferred environmental consultants to healthcare facilities, architects, schools, builders, contractors, developers and real estate professionals.