

is your house killing you?

7 PART REALITY SERIES STARTING

WEDNESDAY 17 OCTOBER AT 7.30PM ON SBS

Ever wondered how healthy your house is? Have you suffered from a recurring sickness with no explanation as to why?; Maybe the question you should be asking is ***Is Your House Killing You?***

SBS' new seven part series ***Is Your House Killing You?*** is a thought provoking and enlightening "scientific makeover" that reveals how the home environment impacts on family health in a compelling and educational way.

Inspired by 'Body Hits' and 'Myth Busters', ***Is Your House Killing You?*** is a groundbreaking, on the pulse factual series that poses the question - "If your house is sick, will it be your family next?"

Seven families from around Australia take up the challenge of 'detoxing' their homes. From inner city apartments to country fibros, our expert team swarms, probes and strips back a diverse range of homes with their armoury of diagnostic gadgets, sleuthing and collecting samples, which they take back to the lab for CSI-style investigation.

Some homes are sparkling clean, others are environmental monsters, many look innocent but are lurking with hidden dangers. However great the challenge, our super brainy team of environmental scientists with a sixth sense for toxic menaces will come up with a makeover plan to rid homes of toxic time bombs, providing the viewer with DIY tips along the way.

The host Dr. Peter Dingle is a Senior Lecturer and Associate Professor at the School of Environmental Science at Murdoch University in WA. His research has led him to believe that the way we lead our modern lives is preventing us from reaching our full potential. Our health, our work, our environments, our outlook. He takes complex scientific information and converts it so that it is dynamic, easy to understand and informative.

Co-host Cedric Cheong B.Env.Sc, MSc (Env.Sc), is currently an Associate Lecturer at Murdoch University teaching Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety. Cedric is actively researching the area of mould remediation and fungi in indoor air and occupational health and safety initiatives particularly in the areas of behavioural modification.

Whether you live in an old home, are about to buy a new house, or are renovating. Whether you are preparing your nest, growing a veggie patch or working in even just working in your shed, ***Is Your House Killing You?*** is essential viewing.

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EPISODE 1 – THE HATFIELDS

Wednesday, October 17 at 7.30pm

The Hatfield's look like the perfect Queensland family. Suntanned, outgoing and always up for a good time. But something is seriously wrong in the family home. Underneath the veneer, all five Hatfields are suffering from health conditions that could leave them with anything from respiratory damage to permanent blindness: Could their house be killing them?

EPISODE 2 – THE KEMPLERS

Wednesday, October 24 at 7.30pm

Ilana Kempfer redesigned her stylish, two-story villa in Melbourne, but despite her efforts to keep it immaculate she discovers the ducted air conditioning re-circulates polluted air throughout the house triggering her asthma and leaving the rest of the family with dry sore throats.

EPISODE 3 – THE WALTONS

Wednesday, October 31 at 7.30pm

Four years ago, photographer Kevin Walton moved his family to paradise; a pole house, complete with pool overlooking the lush greenery of the Gold Coast. But when Kevin expanded his property with a especially treated timber he was completely unaware that preservatives in the wood itself could affect their health.

EPISODE 4 – THE EDLER HOUSE

Wednesday, November 7 at 7.30pm

When first time buyers Bronwyn and Brian Edler chose a peaceful spot on the outskirts of Sydney, they thought they had found the ideal place to raise their young family. But after moving in they were to discover that something as common as mould can in fact be a serious threat to family health.

EPISODE 5 – THE ADIGUZEL-BEKIR HOUSE

Wednesday, November 14 at 7.30pm

In suburban Melbourne Arzu and Ismail Adiguzel-Bekir long to create their dream home, but while waiting to renovate they discover that dust mites are causing their young kids to have persistent allergic symptoms and another hidden potential health threat: heavy exposure to invisible electromagnetic fields.

EPISODE 6 – THE MOORE HOUSE

Wednesday, November 21 at 7.30pm

In winter Treena and Steve Moore play with their three young boys in a large family room heated by an un-flued gas heater, but after one son was hospitalized with asthma, they discover the potential health hazards associated with their heating system.

EPISODE 7 – THE GAMMON HOUSE

Wednesday, November 28 at 7.30pm

Parents-to-be Hannah and Jock are renovating their two bedroom Sydney bungalow. With new painting already underway and a complete nursery makeover around the corner, the couple are blissfully unaware of the house's high toxicity. Even before birth, their child has been exposed to hundreds of chemical compounds, many of which could harm their child's health and development. MDF construction, asbestos, a filthy chimney and an unflued gas heater pose further threats as the Gammon family discover the importance of a house detox.

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