Abstract: Housing quality is the key to the public health. Therefore public health and housing professionals have to grasp sharing responsibility to ensure that our housing stock is safe, decent, affordable, and healthy for citizens. Research concluded that people live at the slum area has increase incident of communicable diseases and home accident compared to people live at sanitary housing and clean residential environment. It seems obviously that health is related to where people live. Consequently, it makes sense that housing environment constitutes one of the major influences on health and human well-being. American Public Health Association (APHA) Committee on the hygiene of housing created the six fundamental needs of healthful housing, which provided guidance regarding the fundamental needs of humans as they relate to housing. These fundamental needs include physiological and psychological needs, protection against disease, protection against injury, protection against fire and electrical shock, and protection against toxic and explosive gases. In Indonesia, conditions of housing and residential environmental as well as its assessments are clearly stated in Decree of Health Ministry of Republic Indonesia No. 829/Menkes/SK/VII/1999.

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