



## WHAT IS RADON?

- Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that can enter homes from the ground.
- Radon is odorless and invisible.
- Radon is the second most common cause of lung cancer.
- The risks are higher for smokers, but everyone's risk increases with the more radon they breath.
- Up to 40% of homes in PA may have radon levels above the EPA's action level of 4pCi/L.

## **TEST YOUR HOME**

Periodic retesting is

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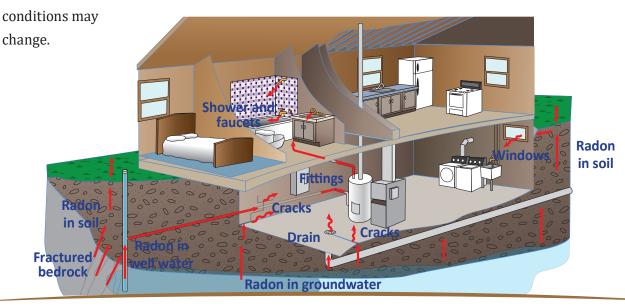
- Radon is undetectable without using a test kit. Get your home tested!
- Tests are available from some labs directly, at hardware stores, and sometimes through government programs. Always follow manufacturer directions.

## WHAT CAN I DO ABOUT IT?

- If testing confirms radon in the home, you should consider installing a radon reduction system.
- The EPA radon action level is 4pCi/L, but the EPA recommends fixing your home when you find any levels above 2 pCi/L. Ultimately, no amount of radon is safe.
- Radon reduction systems redirect radon gas and help to bring the amount of radon in a home to an acceptable level.
- A certified radon contractor is recommended to complete the work as doing the job improperly may actually make the problem worse or create other issues.
- A list of certified radon contractors can be found at *www.dep.pa.gov/radon*.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION:

https://www.dep.pa.gov/radon www.epa.gov/radon





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