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For more information about this research, kindly visit www.mothersandothersforcleanair.org.
Radon is the number one reason a non-smoker gets lung cancer, and is the second leading cause of lung cancer nationally. Radon is a naturally occurring odorless gas created by the natural decay of uranium in soil, rock and water. When uranium decays, radon gets into the air and then people breathe it. Radon can leak into any building but people are most likely to be exposed at home because people spend so much more time at home. Radon is more likely to be found in certain parts of the country, but homes with high radon can be found in every state in the country.

Because you can't see or smell Radon the only way to know your level of exposure is to test your home for radon. Radon enters your home through cracks in floors and walls, gaps in floors, gaps around water pipes, hidden cavities in walls, and drinking water.
WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT TO MY OR MY CHILD’S HEALTH?

RADON CAN CAUSE

- Lung Cancer

HOW TO TEST FOR RADON

Testing for Radon is pretty simple and doesn't take too much time. To test for radon, you open a package and leave the kit out for 2-7 days. Many home improvement and hardware stores sell radon testing kits. You can also contact your local state radon office to program to request a kit.

FIND MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OBTAINING KITS HERE.
https://www.epa.gov/radon/find-radon-test-kit-or-measurement-and-mitigation-professional
FINDING A QUALIFIED RADON CONTRACTOR

The following states have special requirements for radon contractors and the systems they install: CA, DE, FL, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, ME, NE, NJ, OH, PA, RI, VA and WV. If you live in one of these states, you can use this EPA website to find a list of certified radon specialists where you live by clicking on your state.

FIND A CERTIFIED RADON SERVICE PROVIDER HERE:
https://www.epa.gov/radon/find-information-about-local-radon-zones-and-state-contact-information

If your state does not regulate radon services, ask your contractor these questions:

- Do they hold a certification credential or professional proficiency?
- Do they follow industry consensus standards?
  Examples include the American Society for Testing and Materials, ASTM, Standard Practice for Installing Radon Mitigation Systems in Existing Low-Rise Residential Buildings, E2121
- Do you have a photo ID card from your proficiency program?
  - Most private proficiency programs provide members with photo ID cards with an expiration date and a list of qualifications.
  - For more information on private proficiency programs, go to:
    https://www.epa.gov/radon/find-radon-test-kit-or-measurement-and-mitigation-professional#what
- The following resources also have more information:
  National Radon Proficiency Program (NRPP) 1-800-269-4174
  www.aarst-nrpp.com/wp/
  National Radon Safety Board (NRSB) 1-866-329-3474 www.nrsb.org

Refer to this document for detailed information on reading radon contracts, checking your radon contractor, and finding appropriate prices.

HOW TO BUILD RADON PROOF HOMES

Newly constructed homes can be built with radon-resistant features.

If you are planning on building a new home talk with your contractor about how to mitigate radon exposure.

You and your contractor can use the EPA’s guide to Radon-Resistant Construction to safeguard your new home.

CHECK EPA’S GUIDE TO RADON-RESISTANT CONSTRUCTION HERE:
https://www.epa.gov/radon/radon-resistant-construction-basics-and-techniques