Prescriptions for Prevention

Radon

Did you know?

Radon is a colorless and odorless gas that can cause lung cancer.

Action Plan

- Test your home, especially if you live below the second floor.
  - To receive a free radon test kit, call 1-800-586-4872 or visit https://www.lungradonkits.org/pa/
- Have new homes tested for radon before moving in. This includes homes built to be resistant to radon.
- Using a DEP radon certified contractor, install a radon reduction system if high levels are detected. Avoid using areas with high levels of radon for sleeping or play until you fix it.
- Do not smoke. Radon increases your risk and your family's risk of lung cancer, especially if you are a smoker.
- To learn more about radon, visit: epa.gov/radon or scan the QR code:

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Resources

PA Department of Environmental Protection

Data shows that in Pennsylvania, around 40% of homes have radon levels above the EPA's advised limit, making it one of the most affected states in the country in terms of dangerous radon exposures. To protect yourself and your loved ones, conduct a home radon test. To contact the Radon Hotline about urgent matters, call 800-237-2366. Otherwise, to contact the Radon Division for all other inquiries, call 717-783-3594 or visit their website:

When to Get Your Home Tested

For more information about when to get your home tested for radon, visit the CDC's website:

2024 PA DEP-Certified Firms

To access the complete list of all PA Department of Environmental Protection certified radon mitigation firms in Pennsylvania through 2024, scan the QR code:

Radon Risk by Zip Code

To see your area's radon risk, enter your zip code in the search bar:

Free Radon Test Kit

To order a free radon test kit from the American Lung Association, click this link or scan the QR code:

For more information on the resources here or other questions, contact the Philadelphia Regional Center for Children's Environmental Health at:
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