***Radon is a cancer-causing, radioactive gas.***

You can't see radon. And you can't smell it or taste it. But it may be a problem in your home.

Radon is estimated to cause many thousands of deaths each year. That's because when you breathe air containing radon, you can get lung cancer. In fact, the Surgeon General has warned that radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States today. Only smoking causes more lung cancer deaths. **If you smoke and your home has high radon levels, your risk of lung cancer is especially high.**

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.Radon can be found all over the U.S. It can get into any type of building — homes, offices, and schools — and result in a high indoor radon level. But you and your family are most likely to get your greatest exposure at home, where you spend most of your time. Radon comes from the natural highly radioactive heavy metallic decay products, such as, polonium, lead, bismuth and uranium in soil, rock and water and gets into the air you breathe. Radon's primary hazard arises from inhalation of the gas and its which tend to collect on dust in the air.

***You should test for radon.***

Testing is the only way to know if you and your family are at risk from radon. EPA and the Surgeon General recommend testing all homes below the third floor for radon. EPA also recommends testing in schools.

Testing is inexpensive and easy — it should only take a few minutes of your time. Millions of Americans have already tested their homes for radon

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| [The Risk of Living With Radon](http://www.epa.gov/radon/pubs/citguide.html#risk)  [*How Does Radon Get Into Your Home?*](http://www.epa.gov/radon/pubs/citguide.html#howdoes)  [How to Test Your Home](http://www.epa.gov/radon/pubs/citguide.html#howtotest)   * + [Short-term Testing](http://www.epa.gov/radon/pubs/citguide.html#howtotest)   + [Long-term Testing](http://www.epa.gov/radon/pubs/citguide.html#long term testing)   [What Your Test Results Mean](http://www.epa.gov/radon/pubs/citguide.html#results)   * + [Radon and Home Sales](http://www.epa.gov/radon/pubs/citguide.html#homesales)   + [Radon in Water](http://www.epa.gov/radon/pubs/citguide.html#radonwater)   [How to Lower the Radon Levels in Your Home](http://www.epa.gov/radon/pubs/citguide.html#lower) |  |

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