

What is Radon?

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that has no color, odor, or taste

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Exposure to radon can come from water, soil, natural gas, air, and building materials

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Radon enters homes and buildings through cracks in walls and floors

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There are no instant health effects, which means there are no warning signs for radon exposure

Where to Go for More Information:



Environmental Protection Agency:
<https://www.epa.gov/radon>

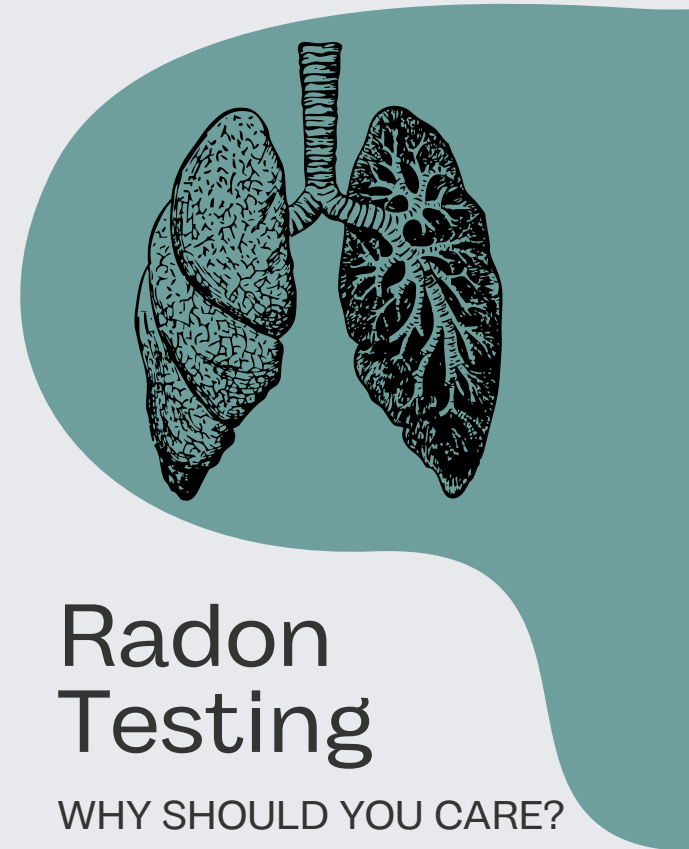
To Order a Test Kit:
<https://sosradon.org/purchase-kits>

Call 1-800-SOS-RADON

Oregon Health Authority:
healthoregon.org/radon

971-673-0440

Scan with your Smart Phone for Quick Access to More Information on Radon



Radon Testing

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

Foster and displaced youth are often overlooked when it comes to public health. One way to ensure their well being is considered is to educate those who care for them so that they can benefit from the same health precautions as other children do



High radon levels are found in 1 out of every 15 homes in the United States

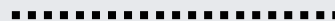
RISKS OF RADON



Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer



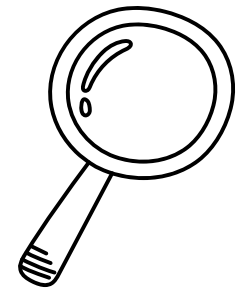
Due to children's breathing rates and lung size, they have twice as high of a risk as adults for developing lung cancer



Around 276 radon related lung cancer deaths occur in the state of Oregon each year

How to Detect Radon

Measuring radon levels in your home or building is the only way to detect radon gas



You can purchase an at home radon testing kit from a hardware store or contact your state radon office

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