



Protection from Radon is as Easy as 1-2-3-4

1. Understand What Radon Is

Often called an “invisible killer,” radon is an odorless, colorless and tasteless gas that is harmful to health. Radon comes naturally from the ground and it is radioactive. It can enter and become trapped inside any building without warning, posing a significant risk to the people inside. Fortunately, testing and mitigating radon is quick, easy and can save lives.

2. Take Radon Seriously

Radon causes lung cancer. Dangerous levels of radon can be in any home in Pennsylvania. Seeking information about radon levels in the home during a real estate transaction is one of the easiest and most effective ways to protect yourself from this danger.

3. Testing

The only way to know if radon poses a risk is to test one’s home or building. Testing for radon is easy, quick and can be part of a routine home or building inspection. Professionals can usually complete short-term testing within a week for about \$80 to \$200, Homeowners can also test for radon themselves with readily available tests that take less than a week to set up and complete.

4. Mitigation

Mitigation—making repairs in a building to reduce radon—is regularly a simple and straightforward process when done by a qualified professional. Most radon problems can be mitigated quickly. In Pennsylvania, mitigation costs usually range between \$800 and \$1,500—similar to other common repairs. However, the cost for mitigation can vary, based on the foundation type of the home and market factors.

The Solution is Simple

The best way to limit liability and protect yourself is to treat radon like other home defects—by recognizing it early in the process, and relying on qualified professionals.

For more information about radon and its danger to health, visit www.lung.org/radon. For information on testing and mitigation in PA, call **1-800-23-RADON** or visit www.dep.pa.gov and enter the keyword “radon”.



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