Testing for Radon in Your Child Care Facility

Radon is a naturally occurring colourless, odourless, radioactive gas that can accumulate in your home. Second to smoking, radon is the leading cause of lung cancer. In Interior Health, we take radon exposure seriously.

To that end, as of 2017 we have made radon testing a requirement for all licensees and applicants for a licence. Under section 17 of the Child Care Licensing Regulation, a licensee must ensure that children do not have access to any object or substance that may be hazardous to the health or safety of a child. At your next routine monitoring inspection, Licensing Officers will be inspecting to ensure that the radon testing requirement has been completed.

If you have not completed the radon testing and need a radon detector, these may be purchased in most major building supply stores or through suppliers on the internet. When purchasing a detector, ensure that it is suitable for a long-term 91-day test, and that the price includes laboratory analysis; the BC Lung radonaware.ca detectors meet this. [http://www.radonaware.ca.radon-resources/order-a-radon-test-kit](http://www.radonaware.ca.radon-resources/order-a-radon-test-kit)

We have attached a fact sheet on radon; for more information on radon, go to: [www.interiorhealth.ca/YourEnvironment/RadonGas/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.interiorhealth.ca/YourEnvironment/RadonGas/Pages/default.aspx)

[https://www.interiorhealth.ca/YourHealth/LivingWell/Documents/Time%20to%20test%20for%20radon%20gas.pdf](https://www.interiorhealth.ca/YourHealth/LivingWell/Documents/Time%20to%20test%20for%20radon%20gas.pdf)

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