

Why we need to reduce indoor radon in our homes.

Improve health

- Radon is the 2nd leading cause of lung cancer after smoking and the leading cause of lung cancer for people who have never smoked.
- Radon exposure is linked to approximately 16% of lung cancer deaths in Canada
- According to Health Canada about seven per cent of the Canadian homes have radon levels that may be putting residents at risk.
- The geology within the BC interior favours radon, and we have some “hot spot” areas with high radon levels in approximately 40 per cent of homes.
- Radon gas is colourless, odourless and tasteless, so the only way to know if the radon levels in your home are high is to have it tested.

How to Test

- The best time to test your home for radon gas is November through April. Testing a home is easy and inexpensive.
- Test kits can be ordered online through the BC Lung Association [Radon Aware](#) or by calling 1-800-665-LUNG (5864).

In the environment

- Radon is a naturally occurring gas found in the ground throughout the world..
- Most homes will contain some amount of radon gas.
- Radon becomes more of a concern when it reaches high levels.

Interior Health’s Healthy Built Environment Team can assist

Supporting you to find information about radon and indoor air quality

Contact us if you have questions about testing your home for radon. We can link you with organizations that offer test kits, measurement and mitigation services, and resources to assist in taking action to reduce radon in your home.

To learn more about radon and air quality, visit www.interiorhealth.ca or our [Radon page](#).

Resources

- [Health Canada](#)
- [BC Lung Association - Radon Aware](#)
- [Health Canada Cross-Canada Radon Survey](#)
- [Take Action on Radon](#)
- [Radon Testing - The only way to know!](#)
- [Reducing Radon in your home](#)
- [Mike Holmes on Radon](#)

We can answer questions like:

- What is radon gas?
- How common are high levels of radon gas?
- How does radon get into a home?
- Am I at risk?
- How do we get started?
- What can I do if the radon test shows the levels in my house are high?

For more information email hbe@interiorhealth.ca or call HBE Direct at 1-855-744-6328 and choose option 4.