RADON could be putting your family at risk

Radon exposure is avoidable! For more information, please visit us online at:

www.canceriowa.org/radoncampaign.aspx

Or you can call the Iowa Radon Hotline toll-free:

1-800-383-5992

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Radon: The Basics

Radon is a naturally occurring element in the soil. Radon gets into your home through cracks and gaps in the wall and floors.

Radon is a radioactive gas that has no color or odor. The only way to know if radon is present in your home is to test for it.

About 72% of homes in Iowa have elevated levels of radon.

Everyone should test their home.

Radon’s Negative Health Effects

An estimated 400 Iowans die every year from radon exposure.

Radon is the second-leading cause of lung cancer in the U.S. and the leading cause among non-smokers.

Radon may be especially hazardous to children because of the shape and size of their lungs.

You Can Protect Your Family From Radon!

Radon test kits can cost as little as $5.00 when purchased from your local public health department.

Testing for radon requires very little time and effort.

Help is available if you have questions about testing.

If current radon levels are found to be unsafe, there are steps you can take to reduce radon levels in your home.*

*The Environmental Protection Agency currently recommends that any home with radon levels above 4 picocuries per liter (pCi/L) be remediated.