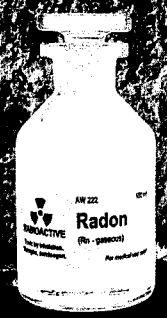
Keep your family safe from...

radon

in the HOME



What is radon?

Radon is a colorless, odorless, radioactive gas that comes from decaying uranium and radium in soil or rocks. Radon gas breaks down into even smaller particles that people and pets can inhale deep into their lungs.

Why is radon a health problem?

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) says exposure to radon gas is the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers. It's the second leading cause of lung cancer overall in America, causing about 21,000 deaths a year.

Action steps for creating a healthy home

Stop smoking and discourage smoking in your home. Smoking may increase the problems that come with being exposed to radon.

Spend less time in the parts of your home that may have higher concentrations of radon, such as the basement.

Increase the airflow into and through your house whenever practical, especially in the basement or crawl space.

If your home has a crawl space, keep all of its vents open year-round.

- Install and use a vent pipe system and fan that pulls air and radon gas from under the house and vents it to the outside.
- Seal foundation cracks and other gaps that let air and radon gas leak into your home.

Learn more

To learn more about radon and how to fix radon problems in your home, check out these resources:

- Online: http://www.michigan.gov/deqradon
- Radon hotline: 800-RADONGAS or 800-723-6642

To Do: Learn more about radon & fixing radon problems in homes.

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