

Ohio Citizens

Is your indoor air safe to breathe?

Test for Radon

Protect your family from cancer causing radon in your home, school and workplace indoor air.



For more information:

- Ohio's Radon Line **1-800-523-4439** (Ohio Department of Health: testing & radon professionals licensed in Ohio)
- World Health Organization (WHO) guidelines, recommend action at 2.7pCi/l+. OSUCCC-The James concurs with WHO guidelines. (search & download, WHO Handbook on Indoor Radon)
- EPA Fix It helpline: **1-800-644-6999**
<https://sosradon.org>
- Sources: Surgeon General, EPA, WHO, OSUCCC-The James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute

Facts:

- Anyone can get lung cancer. Most lung cancer is completely preventable if you test and reduce radon gas from indoor air, never smoke, and never expose yourself and your family to secondhand smoke.
- Indoor radon gas is the #1 cause of lung cancer in non-smokers and the #2 cause overall, as stated by Surgeon General, EPA and World Health Organization (WHO.) OSUCCC-The James agrees with these agencies. Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that percolates up from the ground and becomes trapped indoors.
- High levels of indoor radon gas are common in all 88 counties in Ohio, including your county. It is up to you to take action because radon testing and removal are not required under State of Ohio or local municipality laws.
- Breathing air with concentrated radon levels over a prolonged time is a significant health risk. DNA in the lungs becomes damaged at 2.7 - 5pCi/L. These risks greatly increase with the addition of smoking or secondhand smoke exposure.
- The air in your home, school or workplace may be unsafe and should be tested and reduced, if elevated, 2.7pCi/L+. Also periodic testing is recommended per national guidelines, as radon levels may change or increase over time. This includes buildings that already have a radon mitigation system as adjustments may be needed to keep radon levels low.
- We urge you to test and reduce radon from buildings where you and your family spend long periods of time.