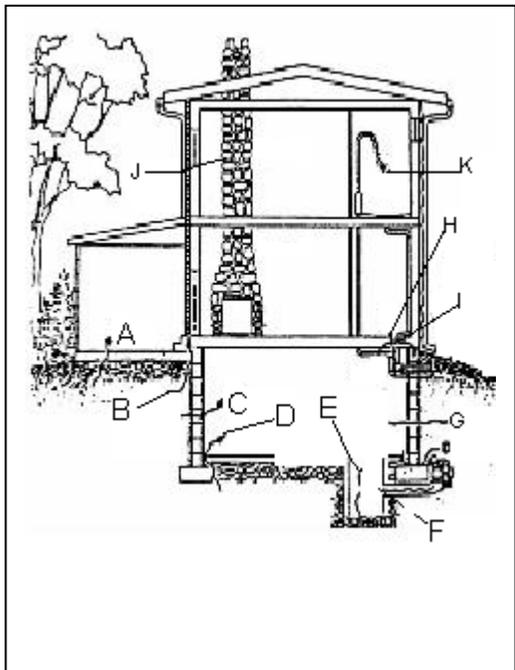


OIAQC exists to promote healthy indoor air in Ohio and to promote optimum public health through education, advocacy, technical support and agency collaboration. OIAQC is a group of state and local health departments, organizations and public and private partners focused on improving indoor air quality for all citizens of Ohio.

RADON



...is a radioactive gas produced by uranium and radium decaying naturally in soil, rock and water.

...is colorless, tasteless, odorless and invisible.

...exposure can increase the risk of lung cancer. It is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United State today. Only smoking causes more deaths.

...can enter your home through a variety of routes:

- A. Cracks in concrete slabs
- B. Spaces behind brick veneer walls that rest on uncapped hollow-block foundations
- C. Pores and cracks in concrete blocks
- D. Floor-wall joints
- E. Exposed soil, as in a sump or crawl space
- F. Weeping (drain) tile, if drained to an open sump
- G. Mortar joints
- H. Loose fitting pipe penetrations
- I. Open tops of concrete block walls
- J. Building materials, such as brick, concrete, rock
- K. Well water (not commonly a major source in homes)

TESTING

...is simple and inexpensive.

...can be done with kits provided by some county health departments, purchased at various retail outlets, or acquired directly from the manufacturer.

...helps identify homes that need action to reduce radon levels in the home.

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“Indoor radon gas is a national health problem. Radon causes thousands of deaths each year. Millions of homes have elevated radon levels. Homes should be tested for radon. When elevated levels are confirmed, the problem should be corrected.

MITIGATION	<p>...control systems can be installed in homes where testing has indicated elevated levels of radon.</p> <p>...control systems can be installed in homes while they are being built.</p>
LICENSING	<p>Ohio law requires any person, other than the homeowner, who performs radon testing or mitigation to have a radon tester or mitigation license from the State of Ohio. Also, any person who provides radon testing or mitigation advice or who provides information on radon health effects must be licensed.</p>
RADON-RESISTENT NEW CONTRUCTION	<p>You and your builder can design your new house to be radon resistant. For \$350 to \$500. On average, your builder can take steps to deter radon from entering your home. These features are recommended for all homes built in Ohio.</p>
MORE INFORMATION	<p>For EPA publications and other information on Radon...</p> <p>Ohio Department of Health Radon Program P.O. Box 118 Columbus, Ohio 43216-0118 614-644-2727</p> <p>Radon Information Line 1-800-523-4439</p> <p>For information on licensed radon testers and mitigators...</p> <p>614-466-0061</p> <p>Data and information on radon in Ohio...</p> <p><i>http://radon.utoledo.edu</i></p>

Local Contact Information: