

# Radon

# Radon Awareness Week – January 25-29, 2021



In recognition of Radon Action Month, CDC will sponsor its first Radon Awareness Week January 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The week's theme Protect Yourself and Your Loved Ones from Radon focuses on the need to increase the public's awareness about radon as a potential public health concern.

CDC's Radiation Studies Program, in collaboration with CDC's Environmental Public Health Tracking Program and Division of Cancer Prevention and Control, will highlight messages on understanding what radon is, the importance of testing homes to determine if there is a high level of radon, and steps to take to reduce radon levels in homes.

Each day the messages will focus on a different topic:

- Monday—Get the facts about radon
- Tuesday—Testing is the only way to know if your home has high radon levels
- Wednesday—Take action to reduce high radon levels in your home
- Thursday —Smoking and radon are a dangerous combination
- Friday—Know the radon levels in your area

# Daily Themes and Graphics



### Monday—January 25th

Did you know that radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer after cigarette smoking, and it is estimated to cause over 20,000 deaths each year in the U.S? Get more facts about radon to protect yourself and your family.

#### Tuesday—January 26th

Testing your home for radon is easy and should only take a few minutes of your time. Learn more about steps you can take to take to measure and reduce radon levels in your home.

## Wednesday—January 27<sup>th</sup>

If your home has a high radon level, you can lower your risk of health consequences by fixing (or mitigating) your home. Take action to reduce radon levels in your home.

## Thursday—January 28th

If you live in a home with high radon levels and you smoke, the combination increases your risk of developing lung cancer. Know what to do to decrease your exposure to radon.

# Friday—January 29th

An estimated 1 in 15 homes in the U.S. have high radon levels — and high radon levels can be a risk anywhere. Learn more about radon levels in your area.

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