

Radon: The Silent Threat Beneath Your Home

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Radon is a gas that comes from the ground. You can't see it, smell it, or taste it—but it can make you very sick. Breathing radon for a long time can cause lung cancer. In fact, radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the U.S. and the number one cause for people who don't smoke.

Why should you care?

In Kansas, approximately one out of every four homes has excessive radon levels. Each year, about 200 people in Kansas get lung cancer from radon. The only way to know if your home is safe is to test it.

Testing is easy and cheap.

You can buy a radon test kit for \$9 at K-State Extension offices in Iola, Erie, Fort Scott, and Yates Center. Put the kit on the lowest level of your home where people spend time, leave it for a few days, then mail it in. If your test score is 4.0 or higher, your home needs attention.

What if your home has high radon?

Don't worry—radon can be fixed. A special system can pull radon out from under your house and send it outside. Most systems cost between \$800 and \$2,500, and they typically work within one day. After fixing, test again to ensure your home remains safe.

Want to learn more? Join a free 30-minute Radon 101 Webinar:

- Jan 6 – Noon
- Jan 13 – 2 PM
- Feb 3 – 6 PM

Register here: <https://shorturl.at/B1jCa>

Visit www.kansasradonprogram.org or call 620-244-3826. Don't wait—test today to protect your family.

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