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How much do you

know about radon?

## How radon enters a house Shower Windows 🗲 Soil Crack **Bedrock** Radon Fittings in soil Sump Radon <u>Drain</u> in well water Fractured bedrock Water table Radon in groundwater

### Try this short quiz to test your knowledge about radon.<sup>1</sup>

1. Radon is:	a. A radioactive gas	b. A vitamin
2. Radon can pos	<b>e a health risk if found:</b> a. In your workplace	b. In your home
3. Radon is:	a. Natural, so it's harmless	b. A serious health concern
4. Radon can be	<b>found:</b> a. Throughout the U. S.	b. Only in foreign countries
5. You can tell if you have radon in your home by:   a. How strong it smells   b. Using a radon detection kit		

# Now read on to find the answers and learn important facts about radon.

Le diagramme ci-dessus peut être trouvé à http://www.chelsea.ca ¹www.radonawareness.org

#### Radon: Not man-made but natural

Radon is a natural, radioactive gas. It forms when the uranium in water, dirt and rock breaks down.

It becomes a threat to your health when it seeps into your home or workplace. It can enter through cracks in the foundation, gaps around pipes and through the water supply.

### A leading cause of lung cancer

High levels of radon at home or work can expose you to the risk of lung cancer. In fact, radon is second only to smoking as a cause of lung cancer. Radon causes about 21,000 deaths per year in the U. S.1

#### Where is radon found?

Radon exists throughout the United States and the world. There are areas that tend to have higher concentrations. But any amount of radon in your home or office can be a health risk because you spend so much time in those places.

#### How can you discover radon?

Radon has no color, taste or smell. It can be present in high levels and you wouldn't even know it.

Luckily, there are radon detection tests available. You can buy one at your local hardware store. You can also hire a professional radon contractor who can test and remediate any problems found.

### Make your home safer from radon

If there's radon in your home, you can take steps to help lower the level and decrease your risk. These measures include ventilating, sealing and installing a removal system. See **http://www.radonawareness.org/how-to-fix.php** for more details.



#### For more information...

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) supports hotlines to help with radon issues. Here are the toll-free numbers you can call<sup>2</sup>:

- To purchase a radon test kit: 1-800-767-7236
- To get help with your radon concerns and questions: 1-800-557-2366
- To find out how to reduce radon in your home: 1-800-644-6999

<sup>1</sup>www.radonawareness.org <sup>2</sup>www.epa.gov

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