



RESOURCES FOR RENTERS



Radon is a naturally occurring, odourless and colourless radioactive gas that comes from the ground. **Radon** is in every home and type of building in Canada.

Long-term exposure to high levels of radon increases the risk of developing lung cancer.

Radon is the #1 cause of lung cancer in non-smokers.



YOU CAN PREVENT EXPOSURE TO HIGH RADON. TO PROTECT YOUR HEALTH, START BY TESTING YOUR HOME FOR RADON.

TESTING FOR RADON

Testing for radon is simple and affordable: takeactiononradon.ca/test

- You can easily test your living space for radon with a DIY test kit (~\$60), or hire a professional to test for you.
- Testing is recommended for 3 months (or 91 days) during the winter season or when doors and windows are typically closed.
- Test kits are placed in your main living space, then mailed to a lab for analysis. The results are returned directly to you.

REDUCING HIGH RADON LEVELS

Mitigating or reducing high radon levels can be quick and relatively inexpensive: carst.ca/Mitigation-Systems

- The health risk from radon is long-term exposure. Health Canada recommends lowering high levels within 1 year.
- A temporary fix to lower high levels is to open a window to increase air flow through the home.
- A [C-NRPP certified professional](#) should be consulted to lower high radon levels – all homes can be fixed.
- Health Canada recommends fixing homes with radon levels above 200 Bq/m³.

TALKING TO YOUR LANDLORD

It's important to talk with your landlord about testing for radon as they will need to be involved in any mitigation work required to lower radon levels. Refer them to [CARST.ca](https://carst.ca) or takeactiononradon.ca if they are unfamiliar with radon. **Let them know there are community campaigns and nationwide programs that support radon testing and mitigation rebates** (see takeactiononradon.ca)

Most provinces and territories have tenancy legislation requiring landlords to ensure residences are fit for habitation and comply with health, safety, housing and maintenance standards – [see CELA's report on radon law and policy](#).