



The Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services is working with the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in a campaign to educate Missourians about the danger of radon exposure and to encourage them to test their homes for radon. Radon (Rn) is a radioactive gas that occurs from the natural breakdown of uranium in soil and rocks. It is colorless, odorless, and tasteless. EPA estimates radon is responsible for more than 20,000 lung cancer deaths per year nationwide. Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the U.S. and the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers.

The state radon program offers free short-term radon test kits to Missouri residents to test their homes for radon. Citizens can now register on-line for a test kit at <http://www.health.mo.gov/index.php> or by calling 573-751-6102, or toll-free 866-628-9891. For additional information, contact Carol Bell at 573-751-6102 or by e-mail at Randy.Maley@dhss.mo.gov.

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