



RADON

- **WHAT IS IT?**

Radon is a radioactive gas that comes from a natural breakdown of uranium in soil, rock, and water, and is released into the air. You can't see, smell, or taste radon, but it may be a problem in your home. The Surgeon General has warned that radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States today and is estimated to cause thousands of deaths each year. Only smoking causes more lung cancer deaths.

- **WHERE IS IT?**

Radon can be found all over the U.S. and can penetrate any type of building (homes, offices, and schools) and increase to high levels. You are most likely to get your greatest exposure at home though, since that is where you spend the most of your time.

- **WHO TO CALL**

Testing is the only way to know if your home is at risk from radon. The EPA and Surgeon General recommend testing all homes below the third floor. If you discover elevated radon levels, recommendations can be made to fix the issue. Even high levels can be reduced to acceptable levels. For testing, call your local State Board of Health for a list of certified radon testers in your area.