

Ten Fast Facts About Radon

We set out every day to make Wisconsin homes safe from radon. Part of that mission is education. Spreading the word about the dangers of radon is important, and something we can all undertake. We all know a friend or family member who owns a home, and many may not be aware of the potential of cancer-causing radon in their home. Sharing information with them could be the impetus for a simple radon test, which could potentially save a life.

Here are five simple facts about radon you can share with others:

1. Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas released in rock, soil and water.
2. Radon can accumulate inside any home to dangerous levels. It doesn't matter if it's old or new, what condition it's in or if it has a basement or not.
3. Breathing radon gas can increase your risk of lung cancer, and radon is the number one cause of lung cancer in non-smokers. The EPA estimates more than 20,000 lung cancer deaths are linked to radon exposure every year.
4. Radon levels can vary from home to home, so even if your neighbor had a low test, yours may be higher.
5. Radon is odorless, colorless and invisible. The only way to know you have it is testing for it.
6. Radon damage to your lungs or stomach linings occurs over time, so just because you haven't had any health effects after living in an untested home for some time doesn't mean you're safe.
7. Radon testing is easy and affordable for any homeowner to do. You can buy test kits from us or at many retailers. If you live near our Neenah office, we even offer a free radon test program for homeowners.
8. Radon problems in a home can be fixed. A radon mitigation system isn't as expensive as you may think, and it is excellent peace of mind for your family.
9. Radon mitigation is not a DIY project. Hiring the industry-leading experts at Radon Specialists of Wisconsin will ensure that your home is safe from radon.
10. Not all radon mitigation companies are the same. Unfortunately, some radon "professionals" cut corners or install systems improperly for ease or cost-savings. Some of these shortcuts, like not installing fire collars on pipes when required by code, can be a serious safety hazard. Other companies may even utilize uncalibrated test equipment or place them in homes in a way that can lead to inaccurate results. Radon Specialists of Wisconsin will never, ever install an improper radon system, no matter what the scenario is. We do it right the first time, and stand behind our systems forever.

If you have questions about radon, wish to inquire about getting a radon test, or would like to speak with an expert about getting a radon problem fixed, give us a call at 866-569-7236. We'd be more than happy to help. Thanks for helping us spread the message about radon, and furthering our mission to make every home in Wisconsin safe!