

## Every home can be fixed

- Contact a mitigation professional to determine how to remove radon from your home.
- Costs vary depending on home construction, soil type, and location. Get an estimate from one or more qualified mitigation professionals.
- Visit [www.radonidaho.org](http://www.radonidaho.org) for a list of nationally certified mitigation professionals.

## Should I have the house fixed before or after I take possession?

- A buyer may choose to have a home fixed either before or after purchasing it.
- If a seller installs a mitigation system, it will be removed from your "to-do" list. However, the professional is selected and quality of materials will be chosen by the seller.
- If you wait until after you take possession of the home, you will have control of the process. You also have the option of using a long-term test to verify elevated radon levels.

**Homes can be fixed.  
There is no need to  
walk away from your  
dream home!**

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### More information

- Idaho Department of Health and Welfare:  
[www.radonidaho.org](http://www.radonidaho.org)
- US EPA:  
[www.epa.gov/radon/](http://www.epa.gov/radon/)
- American Lung Association:  
[www.lung.org/clean-air/at-home/indoor-air-pollutants/radon](http://www.lung.org/clean-air/at-home/indoor-air-pollutants/radon)
- American Cancer Society:  
[www.cancer.org/cancer/cancer-causes/radiation-exposure/radon.html](http://www.cancer.org/cancer/cancer-causes/radiation-exposure/radon.html)



# Radon & Real Estate in Idaho

**Protect your family  
and your investment!**



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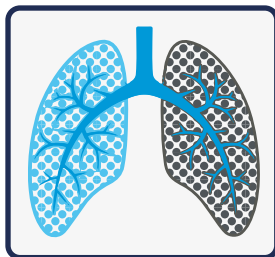


## What is radon?

- Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that comes from the breakdown of uranium in soil and rock.
- It is odorless, colorless, and invisible.
- Radon rises up from the soil and enters homes through small cracks in the foundation, walls, and joints.

## Radon can cause lung cancer

- Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers.
- Smokers are 25 times more likely to be harmed by radon than nonsmokers.
- The EPA estimates that radon causes 21,000 deaths each year.



## Radon in Idaho homes

- Two of every five homes tested in Idaho have higher-than recommended levels of radon.
- High levels of radon have been found in every county in the state.
- Visit [www.radonidaho.org](http://www.radonidaho.org) for an interactive map of radon levels by zip code.

## Radon testing is easy

- You cannot see or smell radon. Testing is the only way to know your level of exposure.
- Testing takes 48 hours and should not slow down a real-estate transaction.
- Testing can occur during the home inspection process.
- Visit [www.radonidaho.org](http://www.radonidaho.org) for a list of nationally certified measurement professionals.

## Purchasing a home with high radon levels

- Just as a leaky roof can be replaced, a mitigation system can be installed to reduce radon levels.
- Radon mitigation is affordable, effective, and may enhance resale value.
- Finding a home with a radon problem, should not cause you to walk away from the purchase.
- Of all the problems a house may have, radon is one of the easiest to identify and fix!

**Radon testing is easy, affordable, and it could save your life!**

## What do my test results mean?

**0.4 - 1.9** pCi/L

No action recommended. Radon levels can change over time, so test again every 2 years or after remodeling.

**2.0 - 3.9** pCi/L

Consider running a long-term radon test. Consider fixing your home.

**4.0** pCi/L and Higher

**Fix your home!** A seller/buyer can do this themselves or they can hire a radon mitigation professional.

\*pCi/L is picocuries per liter and is the standard unit for radon measurements