

# LANDLORDS:

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT RADON



**Radon** is a naturally occurring, odourless and colourless radioactive gas that enters buildings through regular gaps in floors, pipes, and basement walls.

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

Similar to having smoke-detectors, testing and reducing high radon is part of providing a safe space for tenants. Reduce your liability and test your rental properties for radon.

**ALL HOMES AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS IN CANADA HAVE SOME LEVEL OF RADON; IT IS IMPORTANT TO TEST TO DETERMINE IF LEVELS ARE TOO HIGH.**

### NEED TO KNOW:

- Testing for radon is simple with DIY or professional options.
- When testing multi-unit residential or large commercial buildings with HVAC systems, consult a C-NRPP certified professional.
- All buildings with high levels above 200 Bq/m<sup>3</sup> should be lowered with mitigation.
- Mitigation systems can be installed quickly. Work should only be completed in consultation with a C-NRPP professional.



## RESOURCES

**CARST: Canadian Association of Radon Scientists and Technologists**

Learn about mitigation systems and types of questions to ask a professional. Participate in educational seminars.

[carst.ca/Mitigation-Systems](http://carst.ca/Mitigation-Systems)

**C-NRPP: Canadian National Radon Proficiency Program**

Canada's certifying program for radon. Hire a C-NRPP professional to test your building and mitigate high radon levels or learn how you can become certified.

[c-nrpp.ca](http://c-nrpp.ca)

**TAOR: Take Action on Radon**

Public health education campaign led by Health Canada, CARST, CAREX, the Canadian Cancer Society, and supported by health authorities and groups nationwide.

[takeactiononradon.ca](http://takeactiononradon.ca)

Find a DIY test kit, learn about radon health effects, join community testing campaigns, or enter contests including **rebates for mitigation**.

**Government of Canada - Health Canada**

Access videos, factsheets, materials to share, and a list of additional resources.

[canada.ca](http://canada.ca)

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**CELA: Canadian Environmental Law Association**

Find reports of radon law and policy, as well as advocacy campaigns for policy changes and homeowner rebates.

[cela.ca/radon](http://cela.ca/radon)

**WHO: World Health Organization**

Learn about the basics of radon mitigation systems, find sample questions to ask a radon professional, and participate in educational seminars.

[who.int/ionizing\\_radiation/env/radon](http://who.int/ionizing_radiation/env/radon)