



California Radon Fact Sheet

CALIFORNIA RADON AWARENESS PROGRAM

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The California Radon Program seeks to reduce human exposure to radon in residential and school structures. The program aims to educate California residents about radon and its risks, encourage residents to have their homes and schools tested and, if necessary, mitigated, and promoting radon resistant construction methods for homes and schools in high radon potential areas. The program has been operated by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) for over twenty years with matching State Indoor Radon Grant (SIRG) Program funds from the U.S. EPA.

One cornerstone activity of California's Radon Program has been surveying and mapping Radon Potential Zones throughout the state. These regional surveys identify high, moderate, or low radon potential areas, produce a detailed radon potential map and report of the region, and generate test results for the statewide database.

CDPH has conducted radon surveys to collect the data used for generating these maps and reports. The California Geological Survey (CGS) works with CDPH to create the reports. Since 1995, CDPH and CGS have worked cooperatively to generate publications that identify radon potential from residential surveys. This partnership has produced twelve maps and reports which characterize radon potential for over 50% of California's population. Future outreach and survey activities will depend on continued SIRG funding. With continued SIRG funding, CDPH aims to complete Radon Potential Maps covering the entire state of California by 2020.

2018 Free Radon Testing Kits Program: During National Radon Action Month, in January, CDPH partnered with Alpha Energy Laboratories to offer California homeowners free radon test kits. Throughout the rest of 2018, residents remain eligible to order low cost test kits for their homes. When testing for a real estate transaction, CDPH recommends that a Certified Tester should be used.

With continuing SIRG funding, CDPH intends to offer the free radon test kit program again in January 2019 during National Radon Awareness Month.





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California Enacted Legislation

California Business & Professions Code Sec 10084.1: Requires the state to prepare a booklet to educate consumers about common environmental hazards affecting real property, including radon.

California Civil Code Sec 1102 – 1102.18: Requires sellers of real property containing up to four residential units to complete a disclosure form indicating the presence of all environmental hazards, including radon gas, formaldehyde, and mold, that are known to the seller. Requires resale of manufactured homes and mobile homes to include disclosure of environmental hazards in the home interior or exterior, including radon, formaldehyde, and lead-based paint, as well as the existence of a carbon monoxide device.

California Health & Safety Code Sec 105430: Provides that the state health agency may develop radon assessment and mitigation requirements for new construction in at-risk areas.

California Health & Safety Code §§ 106750 et seq: Establishes that no person may provide radon services for the general public unless that person has completed the National Radon Measurement Proficiency Program of the National Environmental Health Association or the National Radon Safety Board Certified Radon Professional Program. Requires certification of completion of either course to the state health agency, and requires the agency to make available to the public a list of individuals so certified.