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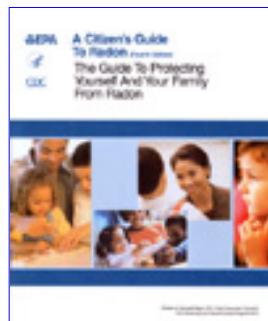
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Additional resources on Asthma, Secondhand Smoke, Schools, Large Buildings and Homes can be found at our [Indoor Air Publications site](#). **For information on how to order any of these documents - [click here](#).**

National Radon Results - 1985-1999

Since the mid-1980s the United States has made significant progress in reducing the risk from exposure to radon. This progress is the result of a long-term effort between EPA, citizens, non-profit organizations, state and local governments, the business community, and other Federal agencies working together. More adult Americans are knowledgeable about radon than at any time since the mid-1980s, when radon became a National health concern.

Approximately two-thirds (66%) of Americans are generally aware of radon, and of those, three-quarters (75%, on average) understand that radon is a health hazard. Since the mid-1980s, about 18 million homes have been tested for radon and about 500,000 of them have been mitigated. Approximately 1.8 million new homes have been built with radon-resistant features since 1990. EPA will continue to focus its efforts, and those of its partners, on achieving actual risk reduction through the mitigation of existing homes and the building of new homes to be radon-resistant. EPA's estimates of risk reduction are predicated upon mitigation systems being properly installed, operated and maintained. As a result of these actions to reduce radon levels in homes through 1999, EPA estimates that approximately 350 future lung cancer deaths will be prevented each year. This annual rate is expected to rise as radon levels are lowered in more new and existing homes. **Download the Adobe Acrobat PDF version of the report ([radonresults85-99.pdf](#) a 3.5MB file).**



[A Citizen's Guide to Radon](#) (fourth edition)

The guide to protecting yourself and your family from radon.

This recently revised guidance offers strategies for testing your home for radon and discussions of what steps to take after you have tested, discussions of the risk of radon and radon myths. **EPA Document Number 402-K02-006, Revised May 2002.**

Also, an Adobe Acrobat pdf version of the Guide is also available here [citizensguide4.pdf](#).



[El Radón](#) [guía](#) [para su](#) [protección](#) [y la de](#) [su](#) [familia](#)

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[Home Buyer's and Seller's Guide to Radon](#)

This booklet is intended for anyone who is buying or selling a home, real estate and relocation professionals, home inspectors and others. Go to this hyperlink [Section 8.c.1.](#) for information on obtaining single or multiple copies of the Guide.

If you're interested in printing this booklet, call (202) 564-9427 for more information on how to obtain a free CD-Rom (Adobe PageMaker 6.5 for Windows version of the Guide). **EPA Document Number 402-K-00-008, July 2000.**

Also, an Adobe Acrobat pdf version of the Guide is also available here [hmbuygud.pdf](#) (1.789K file size).



[Guía del Radon para el Comprador y Vendedor de Viviendas](#)

402-K-02-001,
Julio de 2002

El presente folleto está destinado a toda persona que esté en proceso de comprar o vender una vivienda, a los profesionales de bienes raíces y traslados, a los inspectores de viviendas y

a otras personas. Vaya a la Sección 8.c.1, en este supervínculo, para conseguir información sobre como obtener uno o varios ejemplares de esta Guía.

Si está interesado en imprimir este folleto, llame al (202) 564-9427 donde obtendrá más información sobre cómo obtener un CD.Rom (Adobe PageMaker 6.5 para Windows). Este es el número de documento de EPA 402-K-02-001, julio de 2002.

Además, puede obtenerse aquí una versión en Adobe Acrobat pdf de la Guía: hmbuyguidsp.pdf (dimensión del archivo 620K)



[Consumer's Guide to Radon Reduction](#) *How to Reduce Radon Levels in Your Home...*

This booklet is for people who have tested their home for radon and confirmed that they have elevated radon levels. **EPA Document Number 402-K-92-003.**



[Building Radon Out: A Step-by-Step Guide on How to Build Radon-Resistant Homes](#)

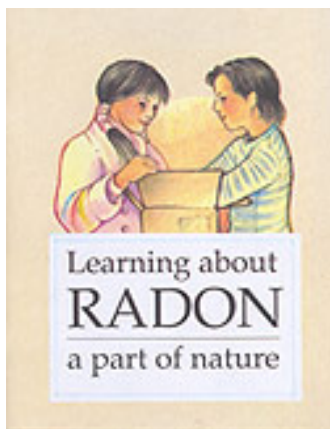
This 81-page, fully illustrated guide contains all the info you need in one place to educate home builders about radon-resistant new construction (RRNC), including: Basic questions and detailed answers about radon and RRNC; Specific planning steps before installing a system; Detailed installation instructions with helpful illustrations; Tips and tricks when installing a system, Marketing know-how when dealing with homebuyers; and, Architectural drawings.

[This document is available here as a 8.3 MB Adobe Acrobat PDF file \(buildradonout.pdf\)](#) -
EPA Document Number 402-K-01-002, April 2001.



[Model Standards and Techniques for Control of Radon in New Residential Buildings](#)

This document is intended to serve as a model for use by the Model Code Organizations, States and other jurisdictions as they develop and adopt building codes, appendices to codes, or standards specifically applicable to their unique local or regional radon control requirements. **EPA Document Number 402-R-94-009, March 1994.**



Learning About Radon A Part Of Nature

Written for Native Americans, this 18-page booklet discusses radon's place in the world, the basics on testing, and how homes can be fixed to reduce radon levels. Native Americans should contact their Tribal health department or state radon program office for more information. EPA Document Number 402-K-02-002, February 2002. Copies can be ordered from the Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Information Clearinghouse at 1-800-438-4318.



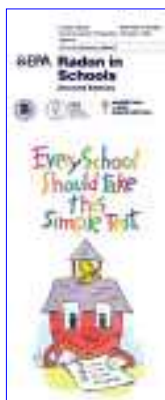
[Radon - A Physician's Guide: The Health Threat With A Simple Solution](#)

This booklet on radon has been developed for physicians by the EPA in consultation with the **American Medical Association (AMA)**. Its purpose is to enlist physicians in the national effort to inform the American public about the serious health risk posed by indoor radon gas. **EPA Document Number 402-K-93-008, September 1993.**



[A Radon Guide for Tenants](#)

This guide, created by the **Environmental Law Institute (ELI)** with EPA's review, is for people who rent their apartments or houses. The guide explains what radon is, and how to find out if there is a radon problem in your home. The guide also talks about what you can do if there are high radon levels in your home. **EPA Document Number 402-K-98-004.**



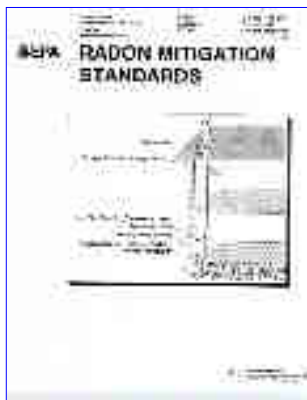
[Radon in Schools](#) (Second Edition)

It is important that students, teachers and parents be aware that a potential radon problem could exist in their school. **EPA Document Number 402-F-94-009, October 1994.**



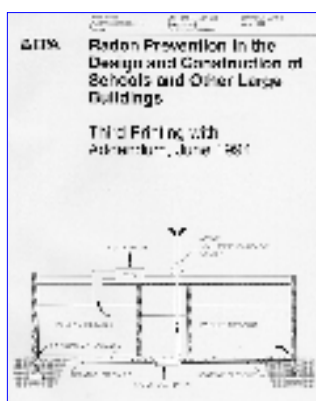
[Radon Measurement in Schools](#) (Revised Edition)

This report has been prepared to provide school administrators and facilities managers with instructions on how to test for the presence of radon. The findings from EPA's comprehensive studies of radon measurements in schools have been incorporated into these recommendations. This report supersedes Radon Measurements in Schools - An Interim Report (EPA 520/1-89-010). **EPA Document Number 402-R-92-014, July 1993.**



[Radon Mitigation Standards](#)

The purpose of the Radon Mitigation Standards is to provide radon mitigation contractors with uniform standards that will ensure quality and effectiveness in the design, installation, and evaluation of radon mitigation systems in detached and attached residential buildings three stories or less in height. These standards are intended to serve as a model set of requirements that can be adopted or modified by state and local jurisdictions to fulfill objectives of their specific radon contractor certification or licensure programs. **EPA Document Number 402-R-93-078, October 1993 (Revised April 1994)**



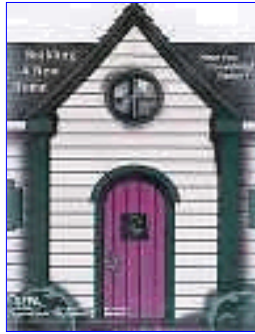
[Radon Prevention in the Design and Construction of Schools and Other Large Buildings.](#)

It is typically easier and much less expensive to design and construct a new building with radon-resistant and/or easy-to-mitigate features, than to add these features after the building is completed and occupied. **EPA Document Number 625-R-92-016, June 1994.**



[Buying a New Home: How to Protect Your Family From Radon](#)

This introductory brochure provides basic information on radon-resistant construction in new homes and directs the reader to more detailed information. **EPA Document Number 402-F-98-008, April 1998.**



[Building a New Home: Have You Considered Radon?](#)

This brochure is designed for consumers who are purchasing newly constructed homes and are curious about radon-resistant features, builders who construct homes with radon-resistant features, and real estate professionals who are selling homes which have radon-resistant features. It can be used as a marketing tool for the home building industry. **EPA Document Number 402F-98-001, September 1998.**



[Reducing Radon in Schools: A Team Approach.](#)

This document will assist you in determining the best way to reduce elevated radon levels found in a school. It is designed to guide you through the process of confirming a radon problem, selecting the best mitigation strategy, and directing the efforts of a multidisciplinary team assembled to address elevated radon levels in a way that will contribute to the improvement of the overall indoor air quality of the school. **EPA Document Number 402-R-94-008, April 1994.**



[Reducing Radon Risks](#) (the "Hold Your Breath" brochure)

EPA Document Number 520/1-89-027A, September 1992.



Technical Support Document for the 1992 Citizen's Guide to Radon

This document presents the wide range of technical analyses, radon risk communication research, legislative directives, and other information that the U.S. EPA used to shape the policies that are set forth in the 1992 "A Citizen's Guide to Radon." The document summarizes extensive technical analyses of the data that have been gathered over the past years. **EPA Document Number 400-R-92-011, May 1992.**



Indoor Radon and Radon Decay Product Measurement Device Protocols

The objective of this document is to provide information, recommendations, and technological guidance for anyone providing measurement services using 15 radon and radon decay product measurement methods. These protocols provide method-specific technological guidance that can be used as the basis for standard operating procedures. **EPA Document Number 402-R-92-004, July 1992.**



Protocols for Radon and Radon Decay Product Measurements in Homes

This document presents the U.S. EPA's technical guidance for measuring radon concentrations in residences. It contains protocols for measuring radon for the purpose of deciding on the need for remedial action, as presented in the 1992 [Citizen's Guide to Radon](#), and in the [Home Buyer's and Seller's Guide to Radon](#). **EPA Document Number 402-R-93-003, June 1993.**

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1-800-SOS-RADON
[1 (800) 767-7236]

or (if you have tested your home)
The Radon FIX-IT Program at:
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