

Consumer Guide to Radon Reduction

Steps to assist you in choosing the right contractor to fix your radon problem

Kentucky does not require radon contractors to be trained, licensed or insured — however, only highly qualified professionals should conduct testing and mitigation. The **Kentucky Radon Program** and **Kentucky Association of Radon Professionals** recommend making an informed decision when choosing a radon contractor by following these easy steps:

1 Rely on the Kentucky Radon Program

Two national accreditation agencies, the **National Environmental Health Association (NEHA)** and **National Radon Safety Board (NRSB)**, maintain training and certification programs for radon contractors. For your convenience, the state radon program maintains a profile on each radon contractor providing services in Kentucky and who is certified through one of these agencies that includes:

- Certification info and status
- Consumer complaint info and status, if applicable

While certification is very important in assessing qualifications, not all certified companies adhere to equal levels of proficiency, quality control and business practices.

2 Obtain Important Contractor Documentation

For your protection, we recommend you obtain the following documentation from your radon contractor:

- Written proof of both general and professional liability insurance specific to radon.
- Written proof of electrician licensure and insurance coverage naming your contractor as additional insured. Wiring a radon system **without a licensed electrician** is a violation of state law.
- A written agreement stating current EPA-endorsed mitigation standards will be followed.
- The calibration certificate for the machine used for post-mitigation testing, showing equipment calibration within the past 12 months. We also recommend conducting your own independent testing to ensure your radon levels have been reduced.

3 Conduct Additional Research

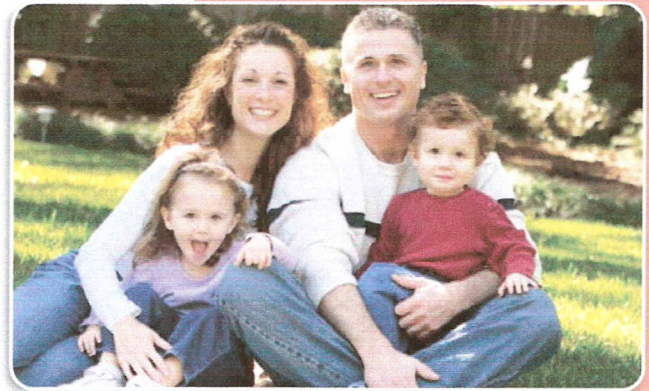
Ensure your radon contractor is in good standing by checking references and independent consumer resources such as:

- Better Business Bureau: <http://www.bbb.org>
- Angie's List: <http://www.angieslist.com>

Facts About Radon

Radon is a **naturally-occurring** radioactive gas. Radon enters a home through cracks or openings in the foundation, slab, or sump pit. When this occurs, radon can **accumulate in dangerous levels**.

Radon is a Class A Human Carcinogen — the US EPA and Surgeon General estimate radon is responsible for more than 25,000 annual deaths, making it the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers.



Only highly qualified professionals should design and install mitigation systems. For your protection, **make an informed decision** when choosing a radon contractor.



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The Kentucky Association of Radon Professionals is dedicated to preventing radon-induced lung cancer and saving lives through increasing consumer awareness, raising industry professionalism, and supporting effective radon policy.