

RADON AND TENANTS

In a recent US study, four percent of tenants had their homes tested for radon, compared to eleven percent of homeowners. According to the Environmental Law Institute, legal responsibility for radon hazards in rental housing is an area that is ill defined. Currently, landlords are not required by law to test for radon and federal law does not require the disclosure of radon information to prospective buyers. If your home or building has already been tested, you may request a copy of the results. If it has not been tested, you may either test it yourself or ask your landlord to have it tested. For more information, see the EPA publication [“A Radon Guide for Tenants.”](#)

Did You Know That

- Radon is estimated to cause about 21,000 lung cancer deaths each year in the United States.
- Over one-third of all housing units in this country are rental units. Most of these are either single family houses or apartments located below the third floor of a building.
- People living in rented houses and apartment buildings can find out whether there are high levels of radon gas in their homes. Building owners can fix radon problems by having repairs made to the building.

**THE ONLY
WAY TO KNOW
IS TO TEST**



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