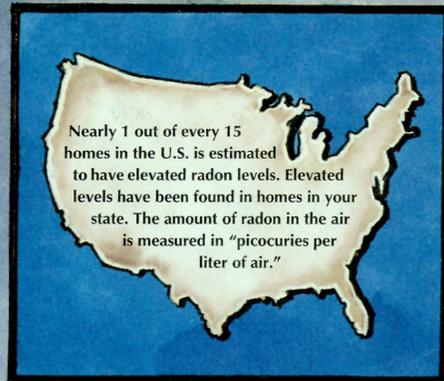


Radon is an invisible, radioactive gas that occurs naturally in soil. Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer, causing thousands of deaths a year. When breathed in, radon releases radioactive particles that damage lung tissue. Millions of homes across the country have elevated levels.

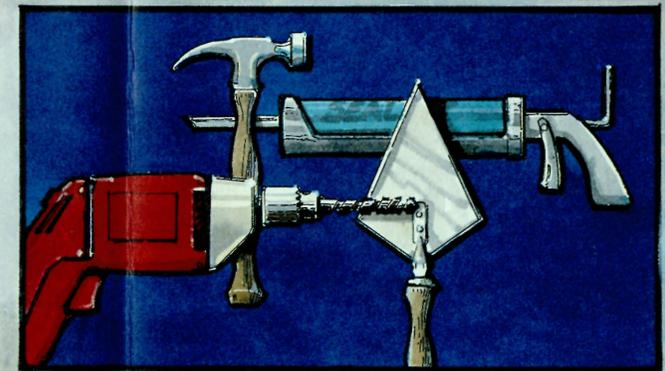
You cannot see, smell or taste radon. The only way to know if your home is affected is to test. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Surgeon General recommend that you test your home for radon. If elevated levels are confirmed, the problem can and should be corrected. Radon is a serious health problem — but you can do something about it.

RADON

Radon gas can easily move through the soil and find many ways into your home. The most common entries for radon include cracks in foundations, and openings around sump pumps, pipes and drains.

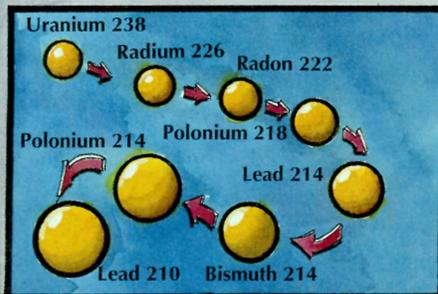


There are many kinds of low-cost do-it-yourself radon test kits available through the mail or in retail outlets. Look for a kit that says "Meets EPA Requirements." If you prefer, you can hire a qualified firm to do the testing for you.

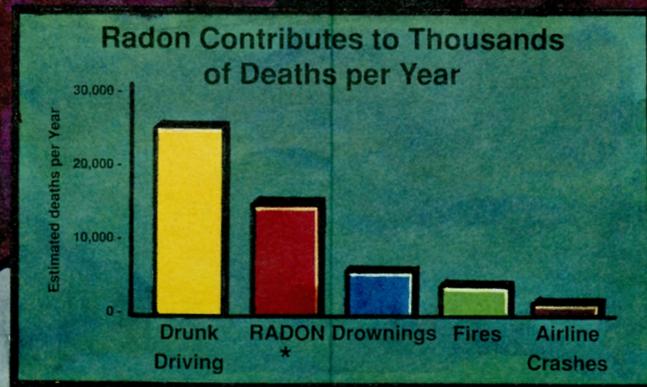
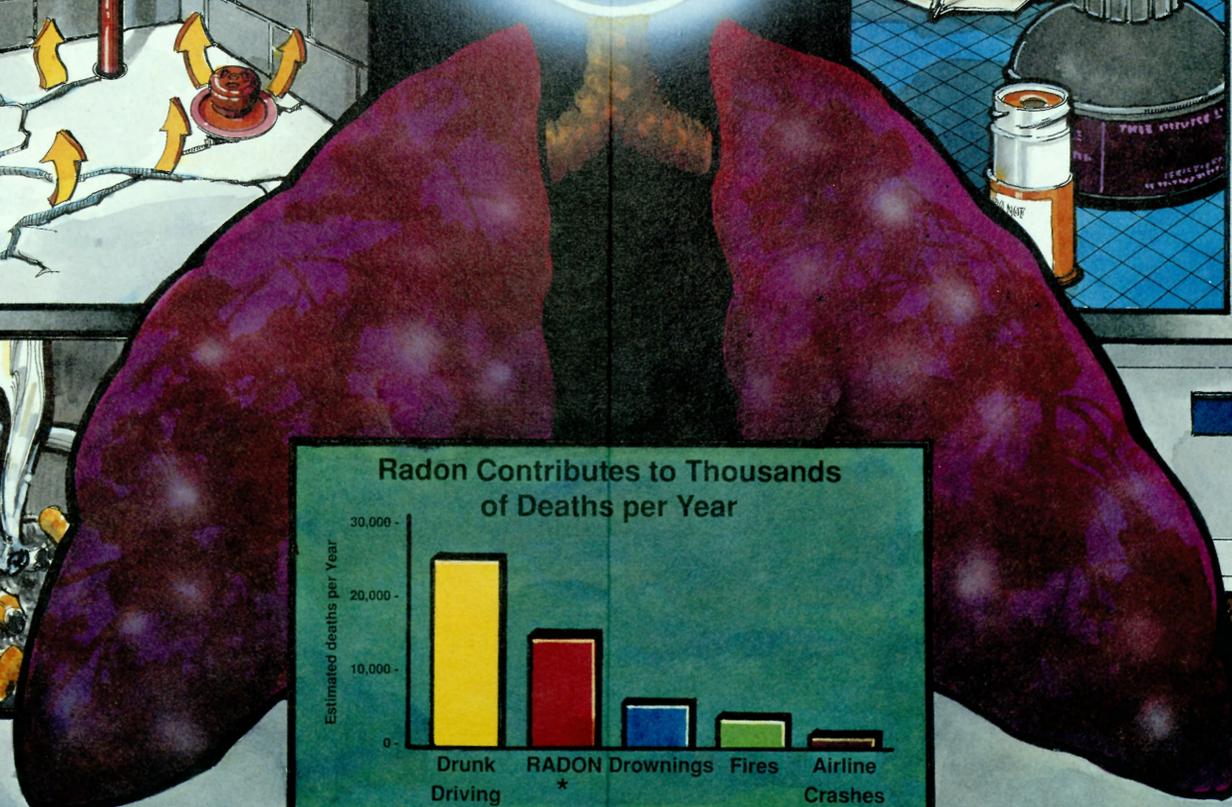


Sealing cracks and other openings in the foundation can help reduce radon levels. The cost of lowering radon levels is comparable to other home improvements such as a new hot water heater or a new roof.

Radon gas is formed by the natural decay of uranium and radium, both common elements in the soil.



Smoking combined with radon is a very serious risk. Stop smoking and lower your radon level to reduce your lung cancer risk.



* Radon is estimated to cause between 7,000 and 30,000 deaths per year.



Sub-Slab Depressurization

The most common method for reducing elevated radon levels is ventilating the soil around the home. Radon-laden air is exhausted above the roof.

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