

# 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>

 **Kentucky Association of Radon Professionals**  
[www.KentuckyRadon.org](http://www.KentuckyRadon.org)  
Email: [info@KentuckyRadon.org](mailto:info@KentuckyRadon.org)

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Kentucky Radon Program  
Radon hotline: 502-564-4856  
<http://cfhs.ky.gov/dph/info/phps/radongas.htm>

### 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.

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.