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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Keep Your Home Safe: Test for Radon

DUPAGE COUNTY—January is National Radon Action Month, and the DuPage County Health Department is urging homeowners to be aware of the dangers of radon and have their homes tested for the presence of this odorless, tasteless and colorless gas.

Radon, a radioactive gas, is estimated to cause as many as 21,000 deaths from lung cancer among nonsmokers each year in the United States. In fact, the Surgeon General has warned that radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the U.S. today.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Surgeon General recommend testing all homes for the presence of radon. Testing is the only way to know if you and your family are at risk from radon.

Millions of Americans have already tested their homes for radon. Testing for radon is inexpensive, easy, takes only a few minutes, and do-it-yourself test kits can be purchased at hardware stores, home improvement stores and over the Internet. Professional testing services are also available.

For more information about radon and testing, you're encouraged to please visit: [Environmental Protection Agency](#) or [Illinois Emergency Management Agency](#).

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