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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **Radon Gas - Are You At Risk Of The 2nd Leading Cause Of Lung Cancer?**

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According to the EPA, radon gas is the 2nd leading cause for lung cancer, after lung cancer. Louie Delaware, The Home Safety Guru™, Professional Childproofer and Certified Radon Tester & Mitigator says, "Radon is a silent killer in that you cannot smell or see it. But here in Colorado (as well as many other states) we have some of the highest radon conditions in the country due to our subsoil materials. Radon comes from the radioactive decay of Uranium, which is commonly found in the granite in our ground. The only way to find out if you have a high level of radon gas is to test for it."

Louie continues, "It is always recommended that potential home buyers have the house tested for radon prior to purchase. This will allow them to make a decision as to whether to buy the home or to have the seller mitigate the problem. But there are a number of reasons why they should consider having a second test done after they have been in their home for a while."

These include:

- Conditions change in the home from when you purchased it, like new cracks in the foundation or floor.
- They are using your basement more now that you have a small child in their home. Being closer to the basement floor makes them more prone to inhaling more of the gas.
- Radon counts in their home can vary from one day to the next, so when they had it measured, it could have been at a low point. To see a study on time variability of radon in homes, click here.
- Some home sellers do things (inadvertently or deliberately) to cause the radon count to be lower (such as leaving windows open during a short term test, tampering with the reader, etc.).
- Even though home-owners probably had their home tested previously, our recommendation is to do another test where they can control the conditions. We recommend doing a short term test of 48-96 hours in duration followed by a long term test of >90 days.

The short term test will give them a quick snapshot as to whether you need to do mitigation in their home now. But this test needs to be done with all of their windows closed and not allowing a whole house fan to operate, which sometimes is difficult in the summer months, especially if it is hot. The long term test does not require any closed conditions like the short term test and gives a better average radon condition in their home over time.

For homes that have well water, they should seriously consider having the water tested for radon. It is not typically a risk for ingestion, but it contributes to the radon in air as it is rapidly released from water when it is flowing out of a faucet, in a washing machine or in a shower.

It is recommended that the homeowner use a nationally certified radon tester to ensure that the testing will be done properly. If it found that the home has elevated radon counts, the tester can recommend

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various alternatives for mitigating the gas before it has a chance to enter into the home, including certified radon mitigators in your area.

Louie says, "The test for radon gas is relatively inexpensive. It is better to know if you have a high level of radon gas than to gamble with your family's well being."

For more information and a complete list of Louie's 90% Safety Facts, go to [www.USSafetyPros.com](http://www.USSafetyPros.com).

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