



Continuous radon monitors (CRM) are used to confirm reduced levels, followed by an investigation of the specific room(s) and building by a radon contractor to design and install permanent mitigation equipment. Additional testing during this process is used to evaluate the impact of the interim and permanent mitigation.

Q: Should students, staff and visitors be allowed in school buildings with rooms that have high levels of radon?

A: Since radon is a naturally occurring substance that seeps up through the ground, it is very unlikely that a person can ever completely get away from it. According to the EPA, radon averages 1.3 pCi/L inside and 0.4 pCi/L outside homes and buildings across the country. The overall goal of radon reduction is risk reduction. So the lower the levels of radon that an individual is exposed to, the better. However, depending on building design, room size, etc., the degree of reduction of the radon level is often influenced by technical limitations.

Large buildings, like schools, have many rooms and the radon levels in each room may vary. The focus of radon testing is not on the school building as a whole. Instead, the goal is to understand radon levels in individual, frequently-used rooms in the buil

Q: Where can I find the school's radon test results?

A: All test results can be found on the [Radon Monitoring Results](#) page of the PPS Healthy and Safe Schools website.

Q: Where can I find a radon test kit?

A: DIY radon test kits can be found at most local hardware stores for around \$10 to \$30. The following resources also offer DIY radon test kits:

The [American Lung Association](#) (ALA) sells a short-term kit for \$15 and a long-term kit for \$38.50. You can order online or by phone at 503-718-6141.

The [National Radon Program Services](#) at Kansas State University sells short-term kits for \$15 and long-term kits for \$25, both available online.

[Oregon Radon Awareness Program](#) also offers FREE radon test kits to those living in areas where no risk level is assigned on the [Radon Risk by Zip Code Map](#). Please email [radon.program@state.or.us](mailto:radon.program@state.or.us) to express your interest and find out if you are eligible.

Multnomah County Environmental Health offers FREE radon tests for low-income renters with children. For a free consultation, please contact Jeff Strang at 503-988-7866 to find out if you are eligible.

Q: Is there a hazard from touching/being near the radon tests?

A: No, although kits should be kept away from very young children (toddlers) so they don't eat or chew on them.

Q: How do I find out radon levels in my rental home?

A: You can ask your landlord if the home has already been tested. If so, request a copy of the test results. If not, you can ask the owner to test or you can test yourself using a DIY test kit (see above Q: Where can I find a radon test kit?). At this time, Oregon does not have any specific radon standards or regulations for rental homes.

Q: Where can I learn more about radon?

A:

Oregon Health Authority: [www.healthoregon.org/radon](http://www.healthoregon.org/radon)

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA): [www.epa.gov/radon](http://www.epa.gov/radon)

EPA – Radon in Schools: [www.epa.gov/radon-schools](http://www.epa.gov/radon-schools)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: [www.cdc.gov/radon/](http://www.cdc.gov/radon/)

National Radon Program Services: [www.sosradon.org](http://www.sosradon.org) ; 1-800-SOS-RADON