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January 22-26, 2024 is National Radon Awareness Week

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has designated January as National Radon Action Month. Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that can impact indoor air quality. You cannot see or smell radon, so it's easy for radon problems to go unnoticed. Radon typically moves up through the ground to the air above through cracks and gaps in homes and buildings. Any home can have a radon problem including new homes and homes with or without a basement.

Based on current data, Nebraska has a high incidence of radon in homes. Living in a home with high radon levels can be dangerous to your health. Radon is the number one cause of lung cancer among non-smokers according to estimates from the EPA, and is responsible for nearly 21,000 lung cancer deaths every year. Smokers who are exposed to radon are at an even higher risk of developing radon-induced lung cancer.

Public Health Solutions (PHS) encourages everyone in our district to test your home for radon gas. Test kits are free and can be picked up at our Crete PHS office during regular business hours. You can also find information on local mitigation companies at the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Radon.aspx>.

To learn more about radon and testing, visit <https://www.epa.gov/radon>, or call our office at 402-826-3880.

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