

Radon in the workplace

Radon is a clear, colourless, odourless gas which is given off from the ground and some building materials. It is a source of natural radioactivity. High levels of Radon in your workplace can increase the risks of cancer in you and your employees.

Safety point	Why?	How do you do this?
You need to carry out a post code check to find out if your workplace is at risk of high levels of radon.	The Health Protection Agency (HPA) have maps showing what areas of the country are likely to have high levels of radon in buildings.	You can check by post code if the premises you occupy are in an affected area by going to www.ukradon.org Or looking on the HPA website at www.hpa.org.uk where a radon map is published Is your business in high risk area? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If your post code check indicated that you are in an at risk area you should carry out monitoring using passive radiation detectors purchased from the Health Protection Agency's website	You will be sent a report giving you more accurate residual levels for the workplace, and advice on what steps you need to take.	Arrange for a passive radiation detector survey to be carried out. Look on the HPA website to order a workplace radon detection pack.
Any remedial actions identified in the report, need to be actioned.	To reduce exposure to radon, the actions you take must either lower the levels of radon in the workplace, or by changing work practise, e.g reduction in exposure.	Follow the advice given in the report, and contact your Environmental Health Service for further information. Attach the report and the details of what action you have taken to this sheet, and review it every year, or if there are significant changes to the premises or the way you work in it.