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**Radon: A Leading Cause of Lung Cancer**

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As an R.N. and patient care provider it is important to know and educate people about the number ONE cause of lung cancer among NON- SMOKERS - RADON. Radon is a naturally occurring radio active gas that seeps into the house from the soil and is attributable now for more than 21,000 deaths/year in the United States. Twenty percent of lung cancer cases have never smoked. Idaho is a "hotbed" of high radon levels - and most people have never heard of radon, let alone tested for it.

We need your help to get the word out and make people aware of the dangers of radon. A simple do it yourself test, free from our office, is the only way to tell if there is a problem with radon in your home. Testing is simple and fixing the problem is easy to do. High radon levels have been found in every county in Idaho with 1 in 3 houses tested in Idaho having a high radon level. Even in the Boise / Meridian area 1 out of 5 houses test high for radon. Almost 70% of counties in Idaho average test results are above the EPA's recommended action level. In your profession as an R.N., you can touch a lot of lives in a very positive way.

Please help us save lives and get the word out to people about radon. Testing for radon SAVES LIVES!

FREE RADON TEST KIT: Go to our website at [http:// www.healthy.idaho.gov](http://www.healthy.idaho.gov), scroll down & click on "radon", then click on "free radon test kit", print out the coupon and mail it in. For more information contact Mr. Jim Faust - phone: 208-334-5717; email: [faustj@dhw.idaho.gov](mailto:faustj@dhw.idaho.gov).