Kansas Radon Fact Sheet

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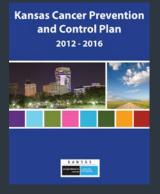
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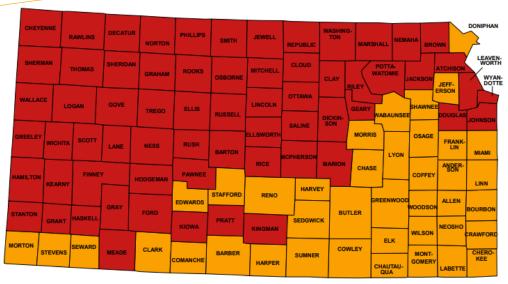
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Kansas Cancer Control Plan

http://www.kdheks.gov/edw/download/2012-

2016_Cancer_Plan/KDHE_Can cer_Plan_Full_Download.pdf



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Over 200 deaths from radon-induced lung cancer are estimated to occur in Kansas every year.

- More than one out of every three homes tested in Kansas have average radon concentrations above the EPA recommended action level of four picocuries per liter.
- Homes with elevated radon levels have been found in every county in Kansas.
- County extension offices throughout the state offer reduced cost radon test kits and radon information.
- Kansas has certified over 222 contractors to perform radon measurement and over 72 contractors to perform radon mitigation in the state.

Cancer Prevention and Control Plan

Prevention - Goal #6 - Increase the percentage of Kansas homes that have installed radon mitigation systems or were built using radon-resistant construction techniques. Strategies include: educate homeowners and realtors, develop a media campaign, and advocate for state and RRNC building code adoption.

Kansas Enacted Legislation

Local Building Codes: In Kansas, the cities of Topeka, Manhattan, Lawrence, Salina, and Junction City have building codes which require new homes to be built using radon-resistant techniques. The recommended building code for adoption by local governments in Kansas is Appendix F "Radon Control Methods" to the International Residential Code.

Disclosure and Certification:

K.S.A. 58-3078a: As of July 1, 2009, all residential and real property contracts in the state of Kansas will require the insertion of a statement notifying the buyer of the potential for and the hazards of elevated radon levels, and a recommendation to have a radon test performed prior to purchase or occupancy.

K.S.A. 2010 Supp 48-16a01 through 48-16a12: As of July 1, 2011, all professional radon contractors and laboratories operating in Kansas must obtain certification through the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE).

For more information on standards and a list of certified measurement and mitigation technicians, please visit http://www.kdheks.gov/radiation/radon.htm.