

# Alabama Radon Fact Sheet

## ALABAMA RADON PROGRAM

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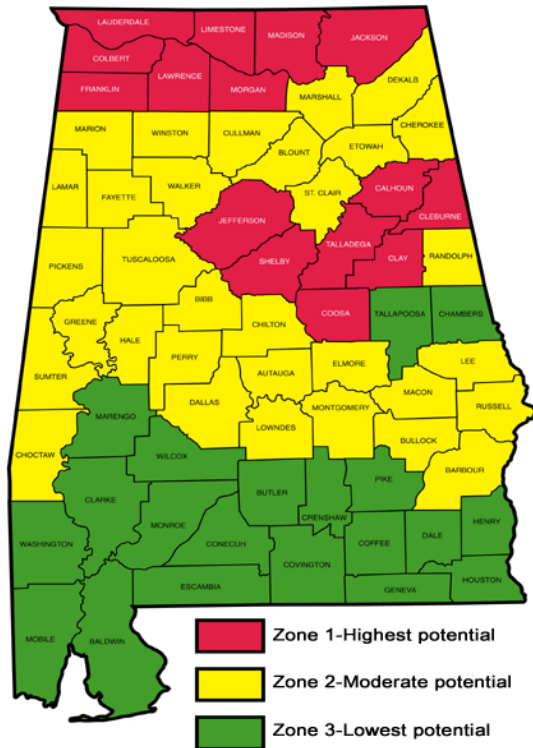
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- Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers and 2nd leading cause of lung cancer, second only to cigarette smoking
- Exposure to radon is estimated to cause over 21,000 deaths per year
- 15 Counties in Alabama have been identified as Zone 1 Radon Counties with the highest potential for radon exposure greater than 4 picocuries/liter

*Maps and tables are not intended to be used to determine if a home in a given area should be tested for radon. Homes with elevated levels of radon have been found in all areas of the state. All homes should be tested regardless of geographic location.*

**TEST. FIX. SAVE A LIFE.**

The Alabama Radon Program's primary objective is to reduce the number of radon induced lung cancer deaths in the state through education, awareness and distribution of radon test kits. The Alabama Radon Program is currently offering free radon test kits to Alabama residents through our website <http://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/radon>. The Alabama Radon Program is currently providing radon information packets and access to free radon test kits to parents of newborn babies through the assistance of hospitals in higher risk counties.

The Alabama Radon Program is administered through the Alabama Department of Public Health, Office of Radiation Control with a 60% funding grant through the EPA State Indoor Radon Grant (SIRG) Program.

## Alabama Pending/Enacted Legislation

Currently, there is no statutory authority to regulate indoor radon or the qualifications of those persons that perform radon measurement and mitigation services professionally in our state.