UK Health Security Agency

Radon Measurement Instructions: Domestic

Place the detectors immediately

They are measuring all the time, even in the packet

Keep the return envelope/label and placement sheet safe

They are needed to return the detectors

Read the full instructions inside

They will help you complete the test correctly

Any concerns?

Please visit www.ukradon.org or phone the Radon Group on 01235 822622 (office hours) or leave a message

Placing the detectors

1. remove the two black detectors from the packet, one is labelled **Living Area** and the other **Bedroom**
2. place the one labelled **Living Area** in the most used room
3. place the one labelled **Bedroom** in the main bedroom
4. place the detectors on a shelf, on (not in) a piece of furniture or hang from the loop, preferably at breathing height (1-2 metres off floor)
5. keep the detectors off the floor, away from direct sunlight, heat sources, windows and draughts
6. place them any way up (they are not sensitive to this)
7. the detectors are made of harmless plastic, but do place them out of reach of small children and pets
8. keep the detectors in place for 3 months

Questionnaire

- write the date you placed the detectors on the questionnaire
- leave the date removed blank until end of 3-month measurement
- complete as much of the questionnaire as you can
- if you do not know the answer to a particular question, please leave blank

Return of detectors after the 3-month measurement

- write the date you removed the detectors on the questionnaire
- place the detectors and the completed questionnaire in the return envelope
- seal the envelope securely and post. No stamp is needed
- results take about 4 working weeks to process from receipt at UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA)

Don’t

Don’t store the detectors

- the detectors are recording radon concentrations all the time through the packet
- if you are unable to comply with the placement instructions please contact us

Don’t test:

- an empty property
- if you are planning or during building work
- if you have not yet moved in
- if there is a change of occupier
- a holiday or second home

Don’t place the detectors:

- on the floor
- in draughts e.g. on window sills
- near sources of heat e.g. on heaters or electrical equipment
- inside cupboards or drawers
- in direct sunlight
- close to water

Don’t damage the detectors

- the results will be affected if the casing is opened or broken
- don’t remove the barcode labels
- don’t use adhesive pads or tape to hold them in place

The detectors are not transferable:

- the results may be invalid if placed in a different address
- don’t move them to another location during the test

Contact the Radon Group for advice on 01235 822622 (office hours) or by email to radon@ukhsa.gov.uk

Please remember

The detectors are not transferable
The results may be invalid if the detectors are placed in an address other than the one stated on the placement sheet

Return the detectors promptly after the measurement period
The results may be invalid if the detectors are stored before or after the measurement period

For all enquiries please contact:

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