

Radon

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that comes from very small amounts of Uranium in all rocks and soils. It is present throughout the UK but due to geological and soil conditions it can be present in higher concentrations in certain areas.

The [Health Protection Agency](#) and the [British Geological Survey](#) have identified areas within the UK where radon levels **may** be high.

Often the first you hear about Radon is when you are trying to buy or sell a house and your Solicitor mentions it as part of the conveyancing process. The Health Protection Agency, in conjunction with Defra and the former National Radiological Protection Board has produced a very useful booklet and information pack to explain all about radon and what to do if you are concerned about radon affecting a house you are thinking of purchasing.

A new website has been launched called UK Radon at <http://www.ukradon.org/>.

This is a valuable resource for anyone wishing to know more about this gas and how it might affect their property. You can also order a radon risk report for as little as £3.45 (inc VAT). Simply enter your postcode into the website and after entering your payment details the report will be produced.

If you wish to contact the Health Protection Agency they can be contacted at:

Health Protection Agency

Centre for Radiation, Chemical and Environmental Hazards

Radiation Protection Division

Chilton

Didcot

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Tel: 01235 831600

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External Links

St Helens Council Contaminated Land Section is not responsible for the content of external websites.

[Health Protection Agency - Radon Advice](#) - A very comprehensive site giving advice and information on Radon. You can order and download a wealth of information about how to get your home tested and what the implications of a positive result are.