

WORKING TOGETHER to PREVENT LUNG CANCER

We are **TESTING** our **CHILD CARE CENTRE** for RADON



WHAT IS RADON?

Radon is an odourless, tasteless, colourless, radioactive, natural gas, which is linked to lung cancer.

When people are exposed, there is a chance that they may develop lung cancer. Elevated levels can be found in all types of buildings all over Canada.

The only way to know if a building has an elevated level of radon is to test.

WHAT IF THE RADON TESTS ARE HIGH?

The good news is, there is a solution and Health Canada has guidance on when and how to fix. There is also a certification program that trains professionals in how to fix buildings with high radon levels. A list of certified professionals can be found at www.c-nrpp.ca

HOW DO THE TESTS WORK?

Since the health risk for radon is being exposed for a long duration and levels can change from day to day, the best way to test for radon is by using a long term test of 91 days or more during the winter season, when windows are closed for most of the testing period.

The tests are located in areas of the Child Care Centre where children spend time however they should be out of reach to ensure the tests don't get moved or tossed in a toy bucket.

The tests are safe. They do not contain any chemicals or liquids that will spill if moved or knocked.



Together by testing our Child Care Centre for radon, we are taking steps to prevent lung cancer in our children and staff.

