## 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 to elevated levels over a long duration of time, 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 TESTS ARE HIGH?**

The good news is, if the levels are high, there is a way to reduce them. If the radon tests come back elevated the daycare will take steps to find a solution to lower levels and then perform a re-test to confirm they changes were effective.

## **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.

The tests are located in areas of the daycare where children spend time, however they are placed 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 daycare for radon, we are taking steps to prevent lung cancer in our children and staff.

