

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

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 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

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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