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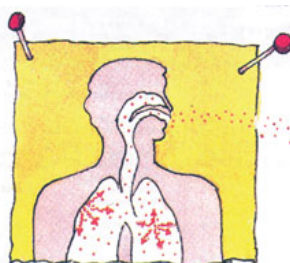
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Inspection Picture of the Month:

Radon Myth Busting: Over and over, I hear the same statement from people – “this house doesn’t have a basement so why should I test for radon”. This is a myth that needs busting, for the safety of the occupants.



According to the EPA Radon document “A Citizen’s Guide to Radon”, any home can have radon concerns, “Radon is a radioactive gas. It comes from the natural decay of uranium that is found in nearly all soils. It typically moves up through the ground to the air above and into your home through cracks and other holes in the foundation. Your home traps radon inside, where it can build up. Any home may have a radon problem. This means new and old homes, well-sealed and drafty homes, and homes with or without basements.”



The amount of radon present in a home is totally dependent upon the amount of uranium deep in the soil base under this home, and not on the type of foundation present. For the safety of the occupants or the home buyer, we should be recommending radon testing as the only means of knowing what the levels are that are present in a home.