

MANDATORY RADON TESTING IN FLORIDA CHILDCARE CENTERS

Florida Statute 404.056 require state-licensed childcare centers in designated counties to test for radon initially and then again after five years. **Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers.**

Visit [Radon.FloridaHealth.gov](https://www.Radon.FloridaHealth.gov) for county requirements.

Hire a certified measurement business to test your facility OR designate an employee.

HOW TO TEST FOR RADON USING A DESIGNATED EMPLOYEE

1. **Follow** the [Mandatory Radon Testing Protocols](#).
2. **Determine** how many rooms must be tested.
 - **Initial test:** 1 out of every 5 rooms.
 - **5-year re test:** 1 out of every 20 rooms.
 - Test rooms that are evenly spread across the floor plan.
3. **Choose** the correct radon measurement device.
 - Devices must be approved by the National Radon Safety Board (NRSB) or the National Radon Proficiency Program (NRPP).
 - Some commercially available devices are not approved by NRSB or NRPP.
4. **Adjust** and override settings for heating, ventilation and air-conditioning system (HVAC).
 - HVAC should perform as if occupants would be in the building during the test.
5. **Send** the devices to the appropriate laboratory.

AFTER RECEIVING THE TEST RESULTS

1. **Submit** your completed form(s) to Florida Department of Health (FDOH) and any other required agency. This can be done via email or regular mail. Forms are on the FDOH website.
 - FDOH does not automatically send forms to other agencies.
2. **COMPLETE Form DH1777** (non-residential) or **Form DH1778** (residential).
 - Fill out **Section 3** on the form. Submission of a lab report alone is not acceptable!
 - Separate forms must be completed for additional buildings tested.

QUESTIONS?

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850-245-4288 or

800-543-8279 (toll free)



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