

Georgia Radon Fact Sheet

Georgia Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan (2019 - 2024)

Appendix A: Additional Cancer Control Information

- **Key Background Information:** Radon is a naturally occurring gas formed by the breakdown of uranium which is often found in high concentrations in granite and rocky soils that can potentially enter homes through their foundations. Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States, after tobacco smoke, accounting indirectly for the deaths of nearly 21,000 people each year, more than 800 of whom are estimated to occur in Georgia. Smokers are at an even higher risk of radon-induced lung cancer than nonsmokers.^{9,17}

Enacted Legislation

Georgia Code Sec 12-3-5: Authorizes the Department of Natural Resources to make grants, as funds are available, to public entities in order to further any of the services, purposes, duties, responsibilities, or functions vested in the department. Regulations promulgated under the law (Georgia Comp. R. & Regs. 391-7-2-.01--.04) establish the Radon Awareness Grant Program to provide funds to local governments and community-based organizations to address radon issues in their communities.