

Radon Remediation: Advice and Equipment

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Choosing a contractor

To help you choose a remediation company, you should consider the following:

- Get a few quotes to enable you to make comparisons and to help ensure you get the best value
- If the contractor gives references try to talk to the person who gave the reference or see the work for yourself
- Has the contractor been recommended to you?
- Do you know a local builder or contractor that may be able to do the job for you?
- Discuss the following with the contractor:
 - Contractors insurance
 - Fan warranty and maintenance (for active sumps)
 - Costs of running fans (for active sumps)
 - Fan noise – if possible fans should be located away from bedrooms as they may be heard especially at night (for active sumps).
 - Impact (if any) of the proposed remedial system on the energy rating of your home
 - Safety – ensure pipes and cables buried in walls and floors are identified before work starts
 - Post remedial measurements
 - What steps may be taken and the potential cost (if any) if further work is needed following re-measurement

After the remediation work is finished

- No matter which method you choose, it is important to re-measure your home after the work is completed. This will determine if the radon level is below 200 Bq/m³. The RPII provides a free post-remediation measurement service to homeowners.
- Normally remediation is successful at the first attempt. However, sometimes more work is needed to reduce the radon levels to below 200 Bq/m³.
- There is no absolute certainty that radon will be reduced to below 200 Bq/m³ even following a number of remediation attempts. While this rarely happens, it is important to note that any significant reduction in radon levels will reduce your risk of lung cancer even if the levels are not reduced below 200 Bq/m³.

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