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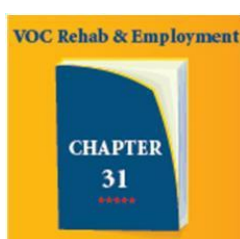
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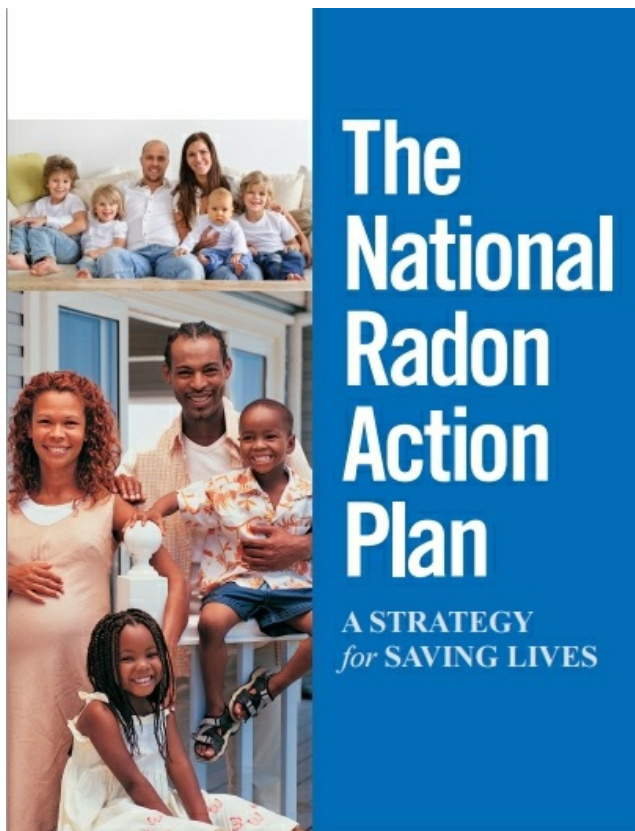


San Diego, CA: Jan 28-30

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EPA and Partners Announce National Plan to Prevent Lung Cancer Deaths Due to Radon Exposure

WASHINGTON —(ENEWSPPF)—November 10, 2015. Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), American Lung Association, and other partners are announcing a strategy for preventing 3,200 lung cancer deaths annually by 2020 through radon exposure reduction strategies. Exposure to radioactive radon gas is the second leading cause of lung cancer in America. The goal to save these lives will be achieved by reducing high radon levels in five million homes, apartments, schools and childcare centers. The partnership includes three federal departments and agencies, and nine national organizations.

“EPA is very pleased to be a partner in this important life-saving effort to prevent lung cancer caused by radon. Working together creates new opportunities for reducing the risk from radon. Combining our resources will save American lives by magnifying our effectiveness in preventing exposure to radon in homes and schools,” said EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy.

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[The National Radon Action Plan: A Strategy for Saving Lives](#) sets out strategies to drive the changes needed to reduce exposure to radon. Strategies include requiring radon testing and reduction systems as a standard practice in housing finance and insurance programs, and institutionalizing radon risk reduction through building code requirements.

The strategy released today builds on the successes of the [2011 Federal Radon Action Plan](#), which has led to protections from radon in more than 105,000 multi-family homes financed by HUD, among other actions by the federal government. Today’s plan broadens the scope and reach of the [Federal Radon Action Plan](#) by including the health, scientific and technical expertise of the national partners.

The collaborative strategy announced today aligns federal efforts with those of other national organizations dedicated to lowering radon exposure: the [American Lung Association \(ALA\)](#), [American Association of Radon Scientists and Technologists \(AARST\)](#), the [American Society of Home Inspectors \(ASHI\)](#), [Cancer Survivors Against Radon \(CanSAR\)](#), the [Children’s Environmental Health Network \(CEHN\)](#), [Citizens for Radioactive Radon Reduction](#), the [Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors \(CRCPD\)](#), the [Environmental Law Institute \(ELI\)](#), and the [National Center for Healthy Housing \(NCHH\)](#). In addition to [EPA](#), the federal partners are the [Department of Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\)](#), and the [Department of Health and Human Services \(HHS\)](#).

Radon is a radioactive gas that comes from the decay of uranium in the ground. Nearly all soils contain some naturally occurring uranium. Radon seeps up from the soil into buildings where it can accumulate to high levels. Since radon is invisible and odorless, dangerous levels can exist indoors without occupants knowing. Testing is the only way to know the radon level in your home or school. Exposure to radon causes an estimated 21,000 lung cancer deaths annually. After smoking, radon is the second-leading cause of lung cancer. However, affordable measures effective in reducing radon indoors are available, and when employed can prevent radon-induced lung cancer and save lives.

The new National Plan can be found

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at <http://www.epa.gov/radon/national-radon-action-plan-strategy-saving-lives>.

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As of November 30th, if your dues were not paid, you have been dropped from membership.

By not renewing, you will miss out on being listed in ASHI's "Find An Inspector" program meaning that you'll miss out on potential leads from searches for home inspectors in your area. You will also not receive our monthly magazine, the *ASHI Reporter*, among many other benefits you will lose out on.

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What's going on with your chapter? Got an event coming up? Something interesting happen at your last meeting? What did you learn about? We want to know and we'll post it here. Email your news to Dave at davek@ashi.org

December 5, 2015
4th Annual Hampton Roads Chapter Tech-Talk
Chesapeake, VA
7 ASHI CEs

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North Carolina ASHI Education Event
Winston Salem, NC
12 NC CEs, 8 ASHI CEs

January 9, 2016
South Carolina ASHI Chapter Helical Design Theory and Applications
2 ASHI CEs

March 4-6, 2016
OAH/CAHPI-ON 2016 Educational Conference
Holiday Inn Burlington Hotel and Conference Center

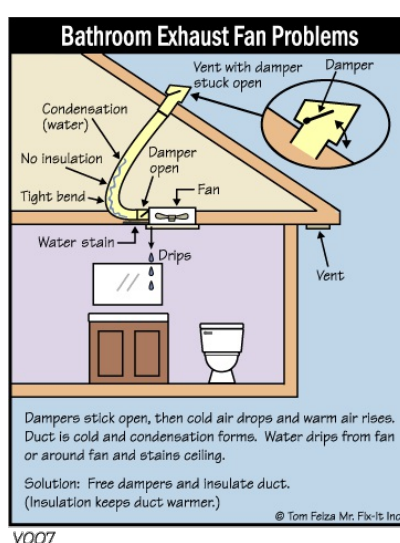
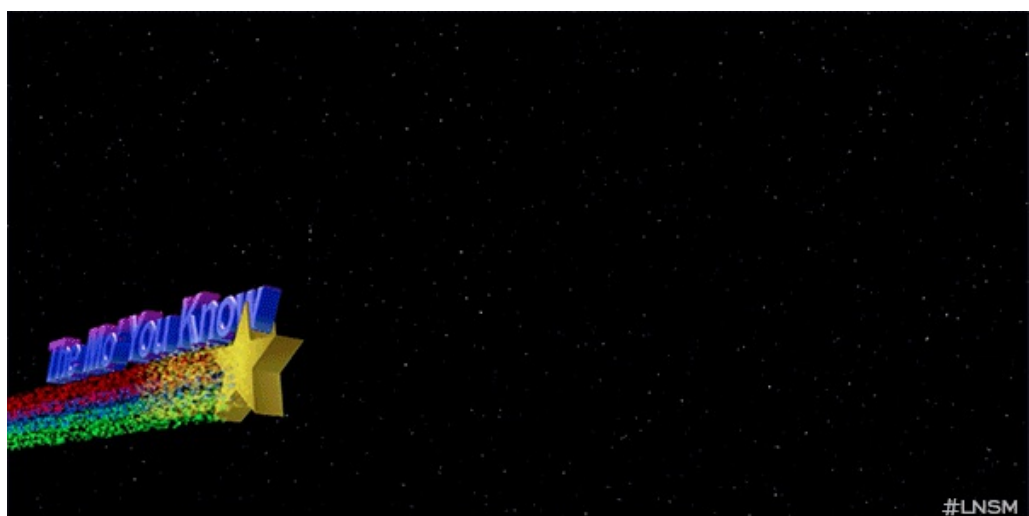


FAMILY AND BUSINESS DO MIX

San Diego is the perfect destination for attendees to bring along family—for quality time between events or for a mini-vacation after the meeting ends. From award-winning attractions and cost-effective public transportation, to educational day trips and convenient access to parks and museums, San Diego offers families great options for daytime fun while attendees are busy on the convention floor.

Evenings come alive when they join their families for sunset cruises, beach bonfires or exploring San Diego's diverse neighborhoods! It's a rewarding destination for productive business and family adventure—all together, it's a guilt-free travel experience.

Join us at [InspectionWorld](http://InspectionWorld.com) San Diego from January 24-27, 2016. This *must-attend* event should not be missed. There are 4 days stuffed full of courses, a packed expo hall, lunch 'n learn sessions, the latest trends and technology, activities and events that you sure don't want to miss out!



Tip #23: Fixing A Drip In The Bathroom Fan

So you run the bath exhaust fan to remove moisture – but then you get that drip, drip, drip from the fan on your nice clean rug. Bath exhaust fans should not drip. If yours does, there's

**Burlington,
Ontario**

**March 5, 2016
ASHI Central PA
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Education Event
8 ASHI CEs
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Pike
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And now you can get involved with The ASHI School with the additional TAS+ program. Get in front of students while they are

something wrong with it.

First, check the exhaust ducting or tubing; it should be insulated, straight and vented to the outside. There should be a minimum of bends for proper air flow. If there is no insulation around the duct, the problem could be condensation in the cold duct. Adding insulation around the duct may solve the problem.

The fan's damper can also get stuck in the open position, allowing hot air into the cool duct and creating condensation. Check the small damper at the fan. It should open when the fan is on and close when the fan turns off. This damper responds to fan pressure and gravity. Most vent connectors through the roof or sidewall should also have a damper to keep cold air out, and it should open and close with fan operation.

For many years, contractors installed bath fan vent ducting incorrectly, creating a bend or low loop to catch condensation. This just allows water to accumulate and may cause a large leak when the water lets go.

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InspectionWorld 2016 in San Diego is just 9 weeks away. And as an exhibitor, you may be thinking about waiting until the last minute to reserve your booth space.

When we were in Philadelphia earlier this year, we had some room to add more booths...however, in San Diego we don't. And once those 11 booths are gone; there will be no more space to add more booths. So we implore you that you should not wait until the last minute, because the last minute is here! Get your booths now! To reserve one of the golden 11 booths left, follow the steps below:

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2. Click on this link: [Exhibitor Registration / Sponsorship Form](#) to download the booth space and sponsorship form. Fill it out and scan and email or fax (847.759.1620) or email back to Dave Kogan at davek@ashi.org.

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