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Happy New Year!

January greets us with a fresh start. The opportunity to focus on your family's health, wellness, and safety for the coming year. January is also "National Radon Awareness Month" While some people choose to eat healthy, hit the gym, or quit a bad habit...what often goes overlooked is a common danger already lurking in your home.

Radon gas is a clear, odorless gas that emanates up through the foundation and into your home. It is the cause of roughly 21,000 cancer related deaths a year and is the number two cause of lung cancer, behind smoking, per the EPA. To put that into a harsh perspective, Radon kills more people a year than drunk driving. Shockingly, the IEMA accepted limit of 4.0 has the same harmful effects as smoking 10 cigarettes a day.

The EPA has also stated that roughly 41% of all homes in Illinois have elevated radon levels. That is almost a 1 in 2 chance your home needs to be mitigated. And while Radon is a health hazard, it also has a simple solution.

One thing we encourage our Realtor<sup>®</sup> partners to pass onto their buyers and sellers, is that radon levels should never be a deal killer because they can be mitigated. Depending on the different foundation types, the age of the home, and the precise levels of radon present, a custom designed radon mitigation system can be installed to keep the deal on track to the closing table.

The last few years threw many people in this country curve balls. Being tied to the Real Estate industry, and being deemed "Essential", we are thankful to RPAC and industry leaders, for keeping Real Estate moving, and even thriving. As RPAC Major Investors, we at Radon Xpress know the value of homeowner's rights, and the fundamental right of every person is to feel safe and secure in their home. As you and your clients spend more time than ever these days in your home, we encourage you to get it tested for radon. Lets start 2024 on a proactive foot!

Radon Xpress Inc. is a Veteran owned and operated radon mitigation company. Becca Willey, is very active at TRAR, having been the Affiliate Chair multiple times, in the association's first ever Leadership Development Program, and past YPN and RPAC Chairs. She also has the honor of winning the TRAR Affiliate of the Year Award, for 3 straight years in a row. We strive to get radon levels as low as we possibly can, while keeping it affordable for everyone. Every home owner has the right to a safe and healthy home. At Radon Xpress Inc. we believe knowledge is power and educating yourself on the dangers of radon should be at the forefront of your family's New Year's Resolution.