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RADON SCREENING KITS TO LAUNCH AT RED DEER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Radon Screening Kits will soon be available to borrow from Red Deer Public Library (RDPL), thanks to a joint effort between RDPL and the Alberta Lung Association.

“Radon can pose a serious health risk so it’s important for people to test their home,” says Briana Ehnes, Manager of RDPL Adult Services.

“These screening kits people can borrow from the library are an easy way to determine if radon is a risk in their home, or if they need to pursue further testing.”

Radon is a cancer causing radioactive gas emitted naturally from the ground and can get in a house through basement floors, concrete cracks, wall joints or other openings, she explains.

The gas is invisible, tasteless and odourless and if it tests at high levels it can be dangerous.

“Exposure to high levels of radon can increase the risk of developing lung cancer, so we encourage everyone to borrow a kit and screen their home.”

Each kit contains an electronic device called Corentium Home which detects home radon levels. It’s easy to use and also contains helpful information homeowners can refer to if radon is present.

A library card is required to take a screening kit home, and since memberships are free, the kits are easily accessible for all Red Deer residents, Ehnes adds.

The public are invited to learn more about radon at the Radon Test Kit Launch November 7 at 11 a.m. on Level 2 of the Downtown Branch.

Patricia Stobbe from the Alberta Lung Association, Andrew Heshka, Regional Radiation Specialist for Health Canada and Shelley Ross, CEO of RDPL will be at the launch to explain the kits and answer questions.

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