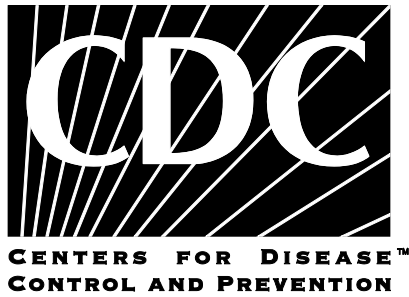


Homebuyer Survey

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Dear recent homebuyer,

Researchers from *auto-populate state and county health department names here via mail merge*, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), , and SciMetrika are sending out a survey to people who have recently purchased single-family homes. The study will allow us to learn more about the understanding and practices of recent homebuyers in relation to radon and lead, substances found in some homes that can be harmful to your health. As someone identified through tax records as having purchased a home in the last 12 months, we would like to get your input about your experiences in regard to these substances and the laws that involve them during your recent home buying process. We are distributing this survey to 3,000 recent single-family homebuyers in four states. Please note the following:

1. Please note that we are asking the homebuyer to fill out this survey. If you are renting this home please send this to the person who recently purchased this home.
2. You can take this survey online at **(SURVEY MONKEY LINK HERE)** instead of filling out the paper form below.
3. Please circle or check the appropriate boxes as indicated below

*PROTECTION OF PRIVACY INFORMATION

Public Law 93-579 entitled the Privacy Act of 1974 requires that individuals asked to furnish information such as that requested in this form be informed of the purpose for collecting such information and what the information will generally be used for. The following information is accordingly provided:

Authority: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and agency of the Department of Health and Human Services, is authorized to solicit the information requested in this form under the authority of the Public Health Service Act, Section 301,361 (42 U.S.C. 241,264).

Purpose and Uses: The information requested will be used to better understand the knowledge, attitudes, and practices of recent homebuyers and real estate agents in regard to radon and lead in single-family homes.

Effects of Non-Disclosures: Your disclosure of the requested information is voluntary, and no penalty will be imposed if you choose not to respond. However, if you do not fill out the questionnaire, it will be more difficult for us to determine what people understand about radon and lead in the home environment.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE
CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30333

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT THE PERSON WHO PURCHASED THIS HOME IS THE ONE WHO COMPLETES THIS SURVEY

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The following section asks questions about this home that was bought in the last 12 months

1. State, county, and zip code the home was purchased in: State ____ County_____ Zip code_____
2. Month/year this home was bought _____
3. Year this home was built _____
4. Were you the first owner of this home? (i.e., Was it newly built?) Yes No
5. Did the sale of this home involve special paperwork related to a homeowners association? Yes No

The following section asks questions about radon

6. Have you heard about health issues related to radon? Yes No
- a. **If yes**, you have heard about radon as a health issue, please place a check next to **all** the sources of your information **(Check ALL boxes that apply)**
- Television or web advertisement
 - Brochure
 - Family member, friend, neighbor, or coworker
 - Real estate agent
 - Home inspector
 - Contractor who works on home repair or remodeling
 - Professional radon testing company
 - Other (write-in)_____

7. Did your understanding of the health issues related to radon affect your decisions at any point during the home buying process?

(For example, did you consider radon issues when looking for and deciding on which home to buy?)

(Check ONE box that most applies to you)

- Yes, part of my reason in choosing this house was that it had been tested for radon and it was below the action level.
- Yes, I wanted to know the radon level but was not sure what to do about it.
- No, I know about radon but do not believe it is a health concern.
- No, I was not familiar with the health issues related to radon and did not consider it during the home buying process.

a. Please tell us more about how it affected your decision...

8. Did any real estate agent discuss radon with you during the homebuying experience that led to the purchase of this home?

Yes No Not sure

9. Did you or the sellers have to sign any paperwork during the negotiation or closing to indicate specifically whether the home was tested for radon?

Yes No Not sure

10. Did you receive any brochures about radon during the home inspection or closing?

Yes No Not sure

11. Has the home you bought been tested for radon **since you became interested in purchasing** this home?

Yes No Not sure

a. **If yes**, who was the **first** to recommend testing for radon?

(Check ONE box)

- The sellers tested **before** I/we became interested
- Myself, a family member, or friend
- A home inspector

A radon professional other than a home inspector

Other (write-in) _____

b. **If it was elevated** (> 4 pCi/L) was it fixed?

Yes No Not sure Not Applicable

i. If yes, who fixed it?
(Check one)

(Check ONE box)

Seller

Myself, a family member, or friend

A home inspector

A radon professional who was not a home inspector
for the home you bought

Other (write-in) _____

12. Do you know if there are people who test for and
fix radon issues in your area?

Yes No Not sure

a. Radon professionals can be certified by
an exam to test for and fix radon issues
but it depends on state law. **If yes**, there
are people who test and fix radon issues
in your area, do you know if they are
certified by the state or a national
organization?

Yes No Not sure Not Applicable

13. Assume you needed someone to test for or fix a
radon problem in the home you bought. Please
rank the factors that you would consider in
choosing them with 1 being the most important
criteria and 4 being the least important.

Rank with 1 = Most Important to 4 = Least Important

___ Distance from this home

___ Referred from a source or person I trust

___ Certified by a state or national organization

___ Prior experience fixing radon problems

The following section asks questions about lead-based paint

14. Have you heard about health issues related to lead-based paint? Yes No

a. **If yes**, please place a check next to **all** the sources of your information.

(Check ALL boxes that apply to you)

- Television or web advertisement
- Brochure
- Family member, friend, neighbor, or coworker
- Real estate agent
- Home inspector
- Contractor who works on home repair or remodeling
- Professional lead testing company
- Other (write-in) _____

15. Did your understanding of the health issues related to lead-based paint affect your decisions at any point during the home buying process?

(For example, did you consider lead-based paint issues when looking for and deciding on which home to buy?)

(Check ONE box that most applies to you)

- Yes, I did not want to buy a home that had lead-based paint
- Yes, I wanted a home that had paint that was in good repair to decrease my risk of lead exposure
- Yes, I bought a house that was built after 1978 because that is when lead-based paint was discontinued
- No, I know about lead-based paint but do not think it is a health concern
- No, I was not familiar with the health issues related to lead-based paint

a. Please tell us more about how it affected your decision...

16. Did any real estate agent discuss lead-based paint with you during the home buying experience that led to the purchase of this home? Yes No Not sure

17. Has the home you bought been tested for lead- Yes No Not sure

based paint?

a. If yes, who was **the first** to recommend testing for lead-based paint?

(Check ONE box)

- The sellers tested before I/we became interested
- Myself, a family member, or friend
- A home inspector
- A lead-based paint professional other than a home inspector
- Other (write-in) _____

18. Did you or the sellers have to sign any paperwork during the closing to indicate specifically whether lead-based paint was present?

- Yes No Not sure

19. Did you receive any brochures about lead-based paint during the negotiation or closing?

- Yes No Not sure

20. Are contractors who work on lead-based paint available in your area?

- Yes No Not sure

a. Contractors should be certified to work on homes that have lead-based paint. **If yes**, contractors who work on lead-based paint are available, do you know if they are certified by the state or a national organization?

- Yes No Not sure

21. Assume you needed a contractor to fix a lead-based paint problem in the home you just bought. Please rank the factors that you would consider in choosing them with 1 being the most important criteria and 4 being the least important.

Rank with 1 = Most Important to 4 = Least Important

- ___ Distance from this home
- ___ Referred from a source or person I trust
- ___ Certified by a state or national organization
- ___ Prior experience in fixing lead problems

The following section asks questions about the homebuyer

If the home was purchased jointly, please select the homebuyer with the most experience in this process

to answer the following questions

22. Age (in years) of person (at the time of purchase) _____
who bought this home

23. How many total homes have YOU bought in your _____
lifetime? (including this one)

24. Please select the group that represents your
ethnicity

(Check ONE box)

Hispanic or Latino

Not Hispanic or Latino

Prefer not answer

25. Please describe your race

(Check ALL THAT APPLY)

- White
- Black or African American
- Asian
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Prefer not answer

26. What is the highest grade or year of school you completed?

(Check ONE box that most applies to you)

- Never attended school or only attended kindergarten
- Grades 1 through 8 (Elementary)
- Grades 9 through 11 (Some high school)
- Grade 12 or GED (High school graduate)
- College 1 year to 3 years (Some college or technical school)
- College 4 years or more (College graduate)
- Prefer not answer

If you have not received your pre-paid credit card within a month of submitting this survey please email (study email address here) or call us (phone number here).