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Radon Due Diligence Checklist: Representing Commercial Sellers

This checklist is not an exhaustive list of all radon matters in connection with a potential real estate transaction but is provided to assist real estate professionals perform their due diligence activities.

When representing a seller:	Done
Provide Radon Information	
 Discuss what radon is and its health impacts. 	
• Explain radon levels can be of concern to buyers because the buyer, upon becoming	
the owner, is obligated to provide a safe environment under the Public Health Act	
and, if applicable, the Residential Tenancies Act.	
 Educate the seller about available resources: 	
 Guide for Radon Measurements in Public Buildings, available on the Government of 	f
Canada website at canada.ca.	
 Radon in our Homes: The Science Behind the Danger, available on YouTube at 	
youtube.com.	
Inquire About Radon Testing	
 Ask the seller if they have tested the property for radon. 	
Seller Has Not Tested for Radon	
 Advise the seller to test for radon to ensure they are complying with all applicable 	
legislation.	
 Advise the seller not having radon testing done could create uncertainty in 	
prospective buyers' minds.	
 Explain not having testing done could delay or jeopardize a potential transaction 	
because testing takes at least three months to complete, not including the time	
required for measurements to be sent to and analyzed by a certified laboratory or to	
receive and review the resulting report.	
• Discuss different approaches prospective buyers may take to prepare the seller in	
advance of offers.	
Seller Has Tested for Radon	
Ask who performed the testing.	
 Ask what device(s) were used for testing. 	
Ask the length time over which testing was undertaken.	
Ask for a copy of the certified test results.	
Radon Levels are 150 Bq/m ³ or Less	
Ask the seller if they want this information communicated.	
Radon Levels are 200 Bq/m ³ or Higher	
• Discuss with the seller their options to remediate or not and the advantages and	
disadvantages of each option.	
 Encourage the seller to obtain an estimate for remediation. 	

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 Seller Has Performed Radon Remediation Inform the seller the radon level is considered a material latent defect and must be disclosed to prospective buyers. 	
 Seller Has Not Performed Radon Remediation Ask the seller for details about the remediation measures taken. Request evidence of the work completed (e.g. names of service providers, receipts, details of any follow up testing). 	