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Radon Due Diligence Checklist: Representing Commercial Tenants

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 tenant:	Done
 Provide Radon Information Discuss what radon is and its health impacts. Educate the tenant about available resources: Guide for Radon Measurements in Public Buildings, available on the Government of Canada website at canada.ca. Radon in our Homes: The Science Behind the Danger, available on YouTube at youtube.com. 	
 If the tenant plans to use the property for a childcare facility: Notify the tenant of the amendments that will be made to the <i>Child Care Licensing</i> <i>Act</i> once the <i>Radon Awareness and Testing Act</i> is proclaimed. 	
 Inquire About Plans for Property Ask the tenant if they plan to make major alternations to the property, including: Replacing HVAC components. Replacing, adding, or removing building envelope penetrations (e.g. new windows or doors). Adding or removing walls. 	
 If the tenant is planning to make major alterations to the property: Advise that previous radon testing done by the landlord is invalid as the alterations can change how radon is drawn into and retained by the building. 	
 If the tenant is not planning to make major alterations to the property: Ask the landlord if they or a C-NRPP certified measurement professional has recently tested for radon. 	
 Landlord 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 where the measurement(s) were taken. Ask for a copy of the certified test results. 	
 Radon Levels are 150 Bq/m³ or Less: Advise the tenant no remediation is required at this radon level. 	
 Advise the tenant no remediation is required at this radon level. Radon levels are around 200 Bq/m³ Discuss with the tenant the implications of this radon level. Seek the tenant's direction on how they want to proceed. 	

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Radon levels are 200 Bq/m ³ or Higher	
• Ask the landlord if remediation measures have been taken to reduce the radon level.	
Landlord Has Not Performed Radon Remediation	
 Inform the tenant and ask how they want to proceed. 	
• Notify the landlord's representative of the landlord's obligation to comply with the <i>Public Health Act</i> .	
Landlord Has Performed Radon Remediation	
 Ask the landlord 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).	
Landlord Has Not Tested for Radon If the tenant is unsure whether radon testing is necessary:	
 Advise the tenant to seek an expert opinion whether testing should be pursued. Ask the tenant how they want to proceed once expert advice has been obtained. 	
 If the tenant wants radon testing performed: Discuss obtaining an estimate for the cost of testing and incorporate it into the lease negotiations. 	