



## **Bell Harig Home Inspections Informs Garrisonville Homeowners About the Effects of Radon**

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Bell Harig Home Inspections wants those who live in Garrisonville and elsewhere in Virginia to realize the dangers that Radon gas buildup in a home presents. That's why they just recently published a blog on their website that specifically focuses on this subject. The blog mentioned Garrisonville because it's situated in an area in Stafford County that is considered high risk for Radon exposure. The full blog post can be viewed here: <https://bellharig.com/radon-in-garrisonville-va>.

Company co-owner, Eric Harig, said he felt the need to publish this blog to make people in Garrisonville more aware of the dangers of Radon buildup in their homes, "We at Bell Harig not only work in the communities that we serve but we live in them too. As such, we feel we are obligated to share any information that we have that might make our community a safer and better place to live. Radon buildup in a home does not get the publicity it should considering how much of a negative impact it can have on someone's health. Most everyone has a smoke detector in their homes and many have carbon monoxide alarms too but radon detectors are rarely found in homes. If people become more aware of the dangers that Radon gas presents

this will change and more people will have their home's checked for high levels of Radon too.?

The company co-owner says that Radon gets into a home after a natural process that takes place in the earth. It's a byproduct that comes about when the naturally occurring Uranium that is found in the earth breaks down over time and forms the derivative Radium. Some of this Radium then turns into a gaseous form known as Radon. This colorless and odorless gas is then able to find its way into homes through cracks and other gaps in a home's foundation and walls. Harig says this gas is present everywhere inside and outside of homes but in certain areas it's found in higher concentrations. It also can enter into a home through the water supply if a home uses a well. He advises locals to contact the company if they have any questions on how Radon gets into a home. The company's contact information and other information can be found on their twitter page: <https://twitter.com/bellharig>

Harig went on to say that it's important for people to have their homes checked for high levels of Radon because of the negative impact that this gas can have on people's health. He says that in small amounts Radon is not very harmful but it becomes a health concern when it is found in higher concentrations inside a home and breathed in over years. Part of the problem is Radon gas is radioactive in nature. This gas is known to attach itself to dust and other particles in the air which makes it very easy to breathe in. Harig says that when this gas is breathed in over time, it eventually breaks down in the lungs and other areas of the body through natural processes. The radioactive part of the gas is known to eventually alter cells and cause cancer. It's estimated that some 21,000 people a year die of lung cancer in the USA that can be traced to long term exposure to Radon. He says that statistic alone should make people want to get their homes tested for radon as soon as possible. The fact that Radon can cause other health concerns too makes testing all that more important.

The company co-owner went on to say that Radon testing can be done by purchasing test kits online and in stores but the customer must still pay for the results to be analyzed by professionals. Harig says that's why it's better to let a professional company like theirs with advanced Radon detection equipment handle home Radon testing from start to finish for the best and most accurate results. The company co-owner pointed out that Radon testing is especially important for those thinking about buying a home and for those that have just purchased a new one. He says that there are also measures that people can take to help insulate their homes from Radon gas penetration too. This includes such things as improving the ventilation of a home, taking steps to seal off floors and walls, increasing underfloor ventilation, and those with wells should install a radon-sump system.

More contact information on this Virginia home inspection service provider can be seen here on their Google Maps business listing at <https://www.google.com/maps?cid=3797755706293345424>.

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