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# Updated radon map and radon in workplaces



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### H.S.A & Radon



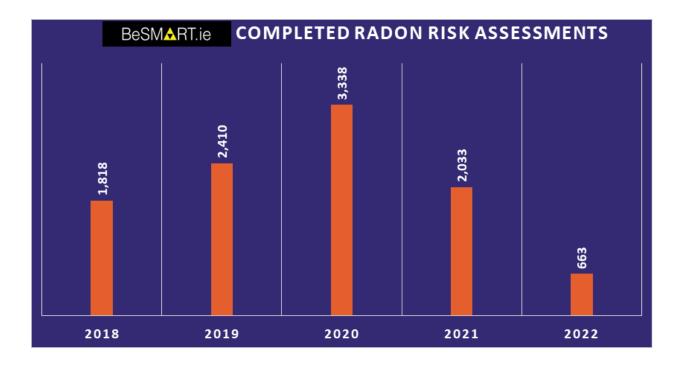
- Member of National Radon Control Strategy Inter Agency Group since 2012.
- On-going collaboration on <u>Radon in Workplaces</u> with EPA under joint Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).
- Under the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005, employers must identify hazards in their workplace which includes radon, assess the risk and eliminate or reduce and control the risk.
- Section 8(2)(d) of the Act requires that the employer ensures, so far as it is reasonably practicable, the safety and the prevention of risk to health at work of his or her employees relating to the exposure to ionising or other radiations.
- On-going approach to employers: Raising awareness of radon risk with employers in HRAs and EPA requirements during inspections; Ensuring risk is identified in safety statements and risk assessments; Provision of advice and information <u>on HSA website</u> and promoting <u>www.radon.ie</u>
- <u>BeSmart</u> continues to be a key awareness raising tool for employers with regard to radon.



#### **BeSmart -** Radon Risk Assessments 2018-2022



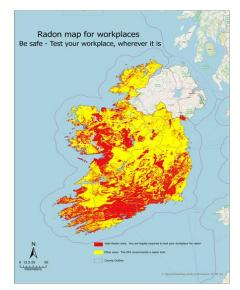
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## New radon maps & further engagement

- HSA welcomes the new updated radon maps for workplaces
- HSA will work with EPA in promoting the new maps to employers via inspection programmes, BeSmart, newsletters, social media etc
- Radon will be included in the H.S.A Programme of Work for 2023 to 2024 to support new H.S.A Strategy and its key objective around increased focus on occupational health issued in workplaces.
- H.S.A is establishing a new Occupational Health Division with a renewed focus on physical agent hazards including radon.
- Radon intervention in workplaces also supports the Europe's Beating Cancer Plan and EU Roadmap on Occupational Carcinogens







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