

**THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA
CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH**

Project Title: Interventions to Increase Radon Testing of Homes: Clinical Trials of Best Practices (Study 1)

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What should I know about this research?

- Someone will explain this research to you.
- Taking part in this research is voluntary. Whether you take part is up to you.
- If you don't take part, it won't be held against you.
- You can take part now and later drop out, and it won't be held against you
- If you don't understand, ask questions.
- Ask all the questions you want before you decide.

How long will I be in this research?

Your participation in this study will last about 15 minutes to download an app to your smartphone and complete an online survey. You will then have up to 9 months to use the app to order a radon test kit.

Why is this research being done?

The purpose of this research is to compare the radon app with discounted radon tests to the radon app with free radon tests on the incidence of requesting radon test kits and of returning the test kits to the lab. The prevalence of exceptionally high levels of residential radon in ND, coupled with public's poor understanding of this hazard, is a critical public health problem.

What happens to me if I agree to take part in this research?

If you decide to take part in this research study, you will receive radon education via an app installed on your smartphone. After reading this consent form, you will also be asked to complete a short online survey asking questions about your demographics and health characteristics and featuring instructions about the app. Depending on the study group you are assigned to, you will have an opportunity to request a free radon test kit via the app or purchase it at a significantly discounted price, i.e., \$5.00, via the app for the next 9 months. It is up to you

whether you request a radon test kit and/or utilize it once you receive it. Your order and usage of radon test kits will be recorded.

Could being in this research hurt me?

There are no foreseeable risks in participating in this research beyond those experienced in everyday life.

Will being in this research benefit me?

The most important benefit that you may expect from taking part in this research is the opportunity to test your home for radon exposure. We also hope that the research will provide a better understanding of how to increase the public's radon testing behaviors.

How many people will participate in this research?

Approximately 200 people will take part in this study at Hope Church.

Will it cost me money to take part in this research?

There could be excess data charges if they go over their allotted data for the month.

Will I be paid for taking part in this research?

- You will be paid for being in this research study. You will receive \$30 gift card for completing this online survey.
- You will also receive \$25 per additional participant you bring in up to two additional participants (i.e., \$50).
- If you are a UND student or employee, you will be asked to provide UND student ID number or EMPLID and tax status information to receive compensation.
- If you are a non-resident alien, you will be asked to complete a W-8 form to receive compensation.

Who is funding this research?

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is funding this research study. This means that UND is receiving payments from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to support the activities that are required to conduct the study. No one on the research team will receive a direct payment or an increase in salary from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for conducting this study.

What happens to information collected for this research?

Your private information may be shared with individuals and organizations that conduct or watch over this research, including:

- The research sponsor
- People who work with the research sponsor
- Government agencies
- The Institutional Review Board (IRB) that reviewed this research

- Triad Interactive Media, the company who developed the radon app

We may publish the results of this research. However, we will keep your name and other identifying information confidential. We protect your information from disclosure to others to the extent required by law. We cannot promise complete secrecy.

Data or specimens collected in this research might be de-identified and used for future research or distributed to another investigator for future research without your consent.

The app you install on your phone has data security as guaranteed by the app-developing company, Triad Interactive Media. In addition, the online survey questionnaire will ask for your full name, email address, and EMPLID (for UND employees and students only) to keep track of your research participation record. If this research is published, no information that would identify you will be included since your name is in no way linked to your responses.

All survey responses that we receive will be treated confidentially and stored on a secure server. However, given that the surveys can be completed from any computer (e.g., personal, work, school), we are unable to guarantee the security of the computer on which you choose to enter your responses. As a participant in our study, we want you to be aware that certain “key logging” software programs exist that can be used to track or capture data that you enter and/or websites that you visit.

What if I agree to be in the research and then change my mind?

If you decide to leave the study early, please contact one of the researchers listed on the first page. You can also simply close your web browser if you do not want to continue with the study.

Who can answer my questions about this research?

If you have questions, concerns, or complaints, or think this research has hurt you or made you sick, talk to the research team at the phone number listed above on the first page.

This research is being overseen by an Institutional Review Board (“IRB”). An IRB is a group of people who perform independent review of research studies. You may talk to them at 701.777.4279 or UND.irb@UND.edu if:

- You have questions, concerns, or complaints that are not being answered by the research team.
- You are not getting answers from the research team.
- You cannot reach the research team.
- You want to talk to someone else about the research.
- You have questions about your rights as a research subject.
- You may also visit the UND IRB website for more information about being a research subject: <http://und.edu/research/resources/human-subjects/research-participants.html>

Completion and return of the online survey form implies that you have read the information in this form and consent to participate in the research.

Please keep this form for your records or future reference.