**Information about Radon**

Info from the state of Colorado [https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/understanding-radon](https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/understanding-radon)

- There is a lot of information to be found at this website including what radon is, some videos about radon and the risks associated with it

Info from the National Radon Program Services [http://sosradon.org/faq](http://sosradon.org/faq)

- There’s tons of general information at this website, along with information about doing a home radon test
- You can also call them at 1-800-767-7236
- They have a hotline for information about getting radon levels reduced as well 1-800-644-6999

You can perform a DIY radon test using a kit purchased from a hardware store the EPA recommends you start with a short-term kit available at Lowes and Home Depot for about $10

**Swamp Coolers and Smoke alarms**

It does look like swamp coolers and smoke alarms don’t mix well, sometimes.

Based on my research it seems like some folks have constant issues with their swamp cooler triggering their smoke alarms and some have none. Here is what I would recommend

- You can do a test – place the alarms in the hallway area and see if they are affected or not.
- If they are affected, here are a few solutions (unfortunately it seems like it may take some trial and error):
  - Make sure you have photoelectric alarms as they are less likely to react to the increase in humidity
  - Place the alarms just inside the bedrooms and see if that stops the nuisance alarms
  - If you continue to have issues they make something called a heat alarm the can be used in place of a smoke alarm. Heat alarms are more expensive than smoke alarms and they will not warn you if heavy smoke is present only if there is a dramatic increase in the temp. We don’t recommend them typically because of this.

- I also found out that CO alarms should not be placed near constant sources of fresh air (like swamp coolers, and attic fans). I would suggest placing your CO alarm at one end of the hallway that connects the bedrooms, probably near the entrance would be best.