Every building contains radon but the levels are usually low. The chances of a higher level depend on the type of ground. The Health Protection Agency and the Northern Ireland Environment Agency Ireland have published a map (overleaf) showing where high levels are more likely.

The darker the colour the greater the chance of a higher level: in the white areas it is less than one home in a hundred and is greater than one in three in the darkest areas.

The map (see [www.hpa.org.uk](http://www.hpa.org.uk) for a larger version) or a radon risk report for an individual home (see [www.ukradon.org](http://www.ukradon.org)) can only give the likelihood of a higher radon level.

Radon levels vary between neighbouring homes and with different living styles. To find out the level in your home, you have to measure when you are living there. The measurement is done by post with two small detectors: see the measuring radon fact sheet.
MAP OF radon affected areas in Northern Ireland