

Content for Parent Newsletters

HEALTH PROMOTING SCHOOLS

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INJURY PREVENTION

Up to \$20,000 for Road Safety Grants Program

The British Columbia Vision Zero in Road Safety Grant Program provides funding to support communities planning to make their roads safer. Applications are accepted from local governments, Indigenous governments and non-governmental organizations including: school districts, Parent Advisory Councils, road safety advocacy groups, Indigenous Friendship Centres and charitable organizations. Application deadline is January 15, 2023. Projects activities and expenditures can be completed by March 31, 2025.

For more information see:

[Vision Zero](#)

RADON AWARENESS

Winter is the Best Time to Test for Radon

Radon is a radioactive gas that is formed naturally in the ground. It has no colour, odour, or taste and can accumulate indoors, particularly in basements and ground floors. Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in Canada after smoking. Spending long periods of time in rooms where radon is present can increase the chance of developing lung cancer. The only way to know radon levels is to test for it, and testing is best done in the winter months.

For more information and resources about radon in BC and to order a long-term test kit visit:

- [Interior Health's Radon Information Page](#) - Radon Overview and Resources
- [BC Centre for Disease Control](#) - Radon Overview and BC Mapping Information
- [BC Lung Foundation](#) - Long-Term Test Kit Information and Radon Projects in BC

Some public libraries are also participating in loaning out Radon test kits for short term (4 week) home testing. Check if your local library is participating and borrow one of these kits: [Radon Detector Library Lending Program](#).