Codebook for State Radon Laws

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Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer, after smoking. Radon is an odorless, colorless gas. Many states have attempted to reduce radon exposure in the population by enacting legislation. This data set explores those laws.

This codebook should be used in conjunction with the statistical data extract that can be downloaded from the dataset homepage by clicking on the Data button. There are four standard variables in every LawAtlas dataset. They are:

JURISDICTION

This is a dropdown selection in each coding form. It includes the jurisdictions coded in the dataset.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This date (MM/DD/YYYY) is the most recent effective date of the legal text captured for this place. The effective date represents the date the policy coded was put into effect.

VALID THROUGH DATE

This date (MM/DD/YYYY) is either the last date a law or policy was in effect prior to an amendment or the last date the researcher confirmed the law or policy was in effect during the research process.

LEGAL TEXT

This is a text box that captures all legal text relevant to the coding questions. This will not download into Microsoft Excel.

Questions	
Question 1:	**Does the state have a law requiring sellers to disclose known radon levels in the sale of homes?**
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 1:	**Radon Disclosure Laws**
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 2:	**Does the state have radon disclosure through any of the following**
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 2:	**Radon Disclosure_State law or regulation**
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 3:	**Does the state have radon disclosure through any of the following**
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 3:	**Radon Disclosure_State form drawn up by Real Estate Commission/Board**
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 4:	**Does the state have radon disclosure through any of the following**
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 4:	**Radon Disclosure_Form drawn up by State Association of Realtors**
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 5:	**Does the state have radon disclosure through any of the following**
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 5:	**Radon Disclosure_None**
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes

Question 6:	**Does the state require landlords to disclose radon to tenants?**
Question Type:	Categorical - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 6:	**Landlord Tenant**
Variable Values:	1, 2
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Value Label:	2 = No
Question 7:	**Does the state have a law requiring certification of those engaged in the business of radon mitigation?**
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 7:	**Radon Certification Laws**
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 8:	**Does the state require radon testing?**
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 8:	**Radon Testing**
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 9:	**Does the state require radon testing in "public or high priority buildings?"**
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 9:	**Radon Testing in "Public or High Priority Buildings"**
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 10:	**In schools?**
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 10:	**Radon Testing in Schools**
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 11:	**Does the state require radon testing in Radon Testing in day care centers?**

Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 11:	**Radon Testing in Day Care Centers**
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 12:	**Does the state have a radon mitigation law?**
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 12:	**Radon Mitigation**
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 13:	**Does the state have a law requiring Radon-Resistant New Construction?**
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 13:	**Radon-Resistant New Construction**
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 14:	**Does the state have a law requiring state preparation of a public education/awareness program or document related to radon?**
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 14:	**Radon Public Education Program**
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 15:	**Does the state include a penalty provision for misrepresenting radon readings?**
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 15:	**Penalties**
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 16:	**Are there civil penalties?**
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive

Variable Name 16:	**Civil Penalties**
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 17:	**Are there criminal penalties?**
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 17:	**Criminal Penalties**
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes