Why should I care?
- It can enter your home through cracks in the floor or walls of your basement, and other openings.
- It evaporates quickly and breathing the vapors is not healthy.
- It can cause cancer if you breathe it over a long period of time.

Who has more risk?
Babies whose mother’s breathe in TCE while pregnant can have:
- Lower birth weights
- Heart defects
- Nervous or immune system problems

What if TCE is in my community?
If there is a known concern, environmental professionals will ask to check your home to make sure there is no TCE inside.
They need your permission to test the air in and below your basement.
If they find high levels of TCE, they will suggest that you have a special system installed to fix the problem.

Do I have to pay?
The people responsible for the contamination will probably have to pay for the testing and any system that has to be installed.

What else can I do?
- Wear protective gloves if you use products with TCE (like paint remover).
- Use only small amounts of products containing TCE.
- Use the chemical in well-ventilated areas.
- Do not stay in the room for long periods of time if you can smell the chemical while using it or after using it.

Where can I learn more?
- TCE chemical basics: www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/chemical/trichloroethylene.htm
- Vapor intrusion health concerns: www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/air/vi.htm
- Vapor intrusion 101 video: www.youtube.com/watch?v=izo0QKqCToU