



2023 Missouri Radon Poster Contest

Opportunity for Students

Radon is a colorless, odorless, tasteless, radioactive gas produced by the natural decay of uranium in the soil. Exposure to elevated radon levels increases the risk of developing lung cancer. Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers and is the number one cause of death in homes, surpassing falls, poisoning, fires, choking, and drowning. As all Missouri counties are considered at high risk, this contest provides an opportunity to educate Missouri youth and the public. By participating in this activity, students will learn about radon and to reduce their risk of exposure.

In order to spread the message about radon's health hazards, the American Lung Association and the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, in partnership with the U.S. environmental Protection Agency, Region 7 and the Missouri Radon Coalition host the annual statewide Missouri Radon Poster Contest. We are once again calling on Missouri citizens ages 9-14 to create a radon poster that will increase public awareness of radon gas and encourage others to test their homes.

A state committee will select the top winning posters from the entire state of Missouri to receive awards.

Overall winner (most total votes) will receive \$200 (1 award total)

1st place winner for each topic will receive \$100 (6 total awards)

Honorable mentions will receive \$50 (6 total awards)

Each winner's instructor will also receive a \$50 award (7 total awards)

Full Contest details and additional radon information is available on the contest website at: www.Lung.org/Radon . If you have questions about the contest, please email PosterContest@lung.org.

Contest Checklist:

- ✓ Each poster has an entry form completed and attached to back of each poster.
- ✓ All information and spelling on each poster is correct
- ✓ Entries are postmarked on or before October 13, 2023
**** IF you need an extension due to COVID-19 please email PosterContest@Lung.org**
- ✓ Entries are mailed to: **American Lung Association**
Attn: MO Radon Poster Contest
3000 Kelly Lane
Springfield, IL 62711



In Partnership with:
**U.S. Environmental
Protection Agency,
Region 7**



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Poster Guidelines

Topics: *(Please use one of the following set topics as a "theme" for your poster)*

- What is radon?
- Where does radon come from?
- How does radon get into our homes?
- Radon can cause lung cancer
- Test your home for radon
- Mitigating radon in your home

What the judges are looking for:

- Accuracy of poster content
- Visual communication of the topic
- Reproducibility of poster (large letters, good contrast)
- Originality of poster (Does not resemble a past winner)
- Correct spelling and/or no grammatical errors

Requirements:

- Age 9-14
- Enrolled in a public, private, territorial, tribal DoD, or home school or part of a sponsored club such as art, computer, reading or science clubs, scouting organizations or 4H clubs.
- Only one entry per child may be submitted.
- Be original.
- Student's name is not on the front.
- Topic and title must be on the Artwork Submission Form (1 copy included!)
- White paper - 11" X 17" and 8.5" x 11 "sizes are preferred, but all sizes will be accepted.
- Can be created with crayon, markers, paint, collage, photographs, or computer graphics.
- Lettering and message should be large enough to reproduce well.
- All pencil markings erased.
- Copyrighted characters, product logos and trademarked or brand names cannot be used.

Additional resources for radon related information include:

<http://www.Lung.org/radon>

<https://health.mo.gov/radon>

<https://www.epa.gov/radon>

<https://cansar.org/about-us/about-radon/>



2023 Missouri Radon Poster Contest: Entry Form

Important Note to Teacher/ Group Leader/ Parent: Please fill in (type or print) the requested information under the Teacher and Newspaper sections before making copies of this form for your students. Please ask your students to **clearly print** their information.

Title of Artwork: _____

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ Age: _____

Student Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____

Please check: School After School program Youth Group/Club Home School

Teacher Name: _____ Email: _____

School/Organization Name: _____

School/Organization Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Local Newspaper Name: _____

Paper/poster guidelines: 11 x 17 and 8.5 x 11 sizes are preferred, but all submission sizes will be accepted!

Please tape the entry form to the backside of the poster. Avoid stapling to poster.

Posters must be postmarked on or before October 13, 2023 and mailed to
American Lung Association, MO Poster Contest, 3000 Kelly Lane, Springfield, IL 62711