

2018 Radon Poster Contest

Information and Contest Rules

The Cause: Radon

Radon is a colorless, odorless, and tasteless gas that can kill. The Surgeon General lists radon exposure as the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States. This radioactive element comes from the ground, and can easily enter homes and buildings through foundation openings. The only way to detect the amount of radon present is to test.

The Goal: Raise Awareness

Harmful effects of elevated levels of indoor radon gas are a problem. The solution is to reduce the number of homes with these elevated levels. This contest is designed to raise awareness for radon testing and inform people of the danger of radon in their homes.

Eligibility Requirements

Children **ages 9-14** (at the time poster is created) are eligible. They can be enrolled in a public, private, territorial, tribal, U.S. Department of Defense or home school - or through a sponsoring club, such as an art, computer or science club, scouting organization, or 4-H club.



Missouri's 2017 First Place Poster
Hailey, 6th Grade
Cole Camp, MO

Poster Topics

Choose from the following five topics:

1. What is radon?
2. Where does radon come from?
3. How does radon get into our homes?
4. Radon can cause lung cancer.
5. Test your home for radon.

Awards and Recognition

The state winners will receive gift cards in the amounts of \$100 for first place and \$50 for second and third place. Each winner's teacher will also receive a \$50 gift card.

The top three state posters will be sent to the National Radon Program Services as entries to the national contest.

The national winners will receive award plaques and gift cards in the amount of \$1000 for first place, \$600 for second, \$400 for third, and \$400 for special online voting recognition. National winners will be recognized in the state and EPA region where they live. Posters will be reproduced and distributed nationally to promote radon awareness.

Entries are due to DHSS by October 30, 2017.

A completed artwork submission form must be submitted with each poster. The submission form can be found at: health.mo.gov/living/environment/radon/index.php.

Artwork Requirements

Artwork must meet the following requirements:

- White paper - size preferred is 12 x 18 or 8.5 x 11, but all submission sizes will be accepted.
- No student names on the front.
- Include a title on the front.
- Topic and title must be on the artwork.
- Submission form included.
- Create the poster with crayon, markers, paint (watercolor, tempera, acrylic), collage, pencil, photographs, or computer graphics.
- Copyrighted characters (such as Snoopy), product logos, and trademarked or brand names cannot be used.
- Lettering and message should be large enough to reproduce well, with all pencil markings erased.

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