



2024 Iowa 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 Iowa counties are considered at high risk, this contest provides an opportunity to educate Iowa youth and the general public. By participating in this activity, students will learn about radon and how to reduce their risk of exposure.

In order to spread the message about radon's health hazards, the American Lung Association and the Iowa Department of Public Health, in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7 and the Iowa Radon Coalition host the annual statewide **Iowa Radon Poster Contest**. We are once again calling on Iowa 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 committee will select the top three winning posters from throughout the entire state of Iowa to receive awards:

1st place winner will receive \$200

2nd place winner will receive \$150

3rd place winner will receive \$100

The school with the most entries will receive \$200!

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 March 10th, 2024
*** IF you need an extension due to COVID-19 please email PosterContest@Lung.org*
- ✓ Entries are mailed to:

American Lung Association
Attn: IA Radon Poster Contest
3000 Kelly Lane
Springfield, IL 62711



In Partnership with:
U.S. Environmental
Protection Agency, Region 7
Iowa Radon Coalition



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Poster Guidelines

Poster topics:

- 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

What the judges are looking for:

- Accuracy of poster content
- Correct spelling
- Reproducibility of poster
- Originality of poster
(Does not resemble a past winner)
- Poster is aesthetically pleasing

Requirements:

- Age 9-14
- Enrolled in a public, private, territorial, tribal DoD, or home school or part of a sponsored club like scouts or 4H
- 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 - 12 x 18 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:

www.Lung.org/radon

<http://idph.iowa.gov/radon>

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

www.epa.gov/radon



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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: 12 x 18 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.

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