



# 2024 Illinois 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. The Illinois Emergency Management and Office of Homeland Security estimates that 1,160 Illinois citizens die from radon related lung cancer each year. 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 Illinois Emergency Management and Office of Homeland Security Radon Program along with the American Lung Association, CanSAR, and Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago host the annual statewide **Illinois Radon Poster Contest**. We are once again calling on Illinois citizens **ages 9-14** to create a radon poster that will increase public awareness of radon gas and encourage other Illinoisans to test their homes.

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

**1st place winner will receive \$200**

**2<sup>nd</sup> place winner will receive \$150**

**3<sup>rd</sup> place winner will receive \$100**

Full Contest details and additional radon information is available on the contest website at: <https://www.lung.org/local-content/il/radon-poster>. If you have questions about the contest, please email [PosterContest@lung.org](mailto: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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
**\*\* IF you need an extension due to COVID-19 please email PosterContest@Lung.org**
- ✓ Entries are mailed to:

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



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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

**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:

- 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:*

<https://www2.illinois.gov/iema/NRS/Radon/Pages/default.aspx>

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

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

<http://takeactiononradon.illinois.edu/>



# 2024 Illinois 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: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Please check:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> School <input type="checkbox"/> After School program <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Group/Club <input type="checkbox"/> Home School
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Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School/Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School/Organization Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Newspaper Name: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Paper/poster guidelines: 12 x 18 and 8.5 x 11 sizes are preferred, but all submission sizes will be accepted!</b> <b>Please tape the entry form to the backside of the poster. Avoid stapling to poster.</b>
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American Lung Association 3000 Kelly Lane, Springfield, IL 62711**