

Nevada Radon Poster Contest Begins Feb. 1, 2011 - Ends Oct. 31, 2011

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 elevated levels of radon. This contest is designed to raise awareness for radon testing and inform people of the danger of radon in their homes.

Participation: Nevada youth ages 9-14

Schools from all 50 states, U.S. territories, tribal nations and the Department of Defense (DoD) are encouraged to participate in the contest. Judges will select winners and runners-up in each state, territory, tribal nation, and DoD schools category.

In Nevada, poster entries must be submitted to University of Nevada Cooperative Extension's Radon Education Program, 4955 Energy Way, Reno, NV 89502 by Oct. 31, 2011. The top three winning posters will be entered into the national contest.

Nevada Radon Education Program's 2012 Radon Poster Contest

Children ages 9-14 are eligible

Submit entries by Oct. 31, 2011

To: Megan Long - NV Radon
Poster Contest Coordinator
**4955 Energy Way
Reno, NV 89502**
Phone: 1-888-RADON10
(1-888-723-6610)

E-mail: longm@unce.unr.edu

Attach **Artwork Submission
Form** to back of poster.
Form available on the
Nevada Radon website:
www.RadonNV.com

National Radon Poster Contest Information

- 2012 Contest opens Feb. 1, 2011 and closes Oct. 31, 2011
- Judging will occur by Nov. 18, 2011
- National winners will be notified by Dec. 10, 2011
- National Poster Contest Website: **www.sosradon.org**

The Prizes

- In Nevada, the top three winners will receive a cash prize: \$50 for the overall state winner, and \$25 for second and third place winners. These three winners' posters will be sent to the national poster contest.
- National contest winners will receive award plaques and gift cards in the amount of \$1,000 for first place, \$600 for second, \$400 for third, and \$400 for special online voting recognition. The national winning poster will be reproduced on products and flyers that will be distributed nationally to promote radon awareness.

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.

2011 Nevada Winning Poster



Alex of Gardnerville, NV

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2011 National Radon Poster Contest



1st Place – 2011

Keep Your Family Safe

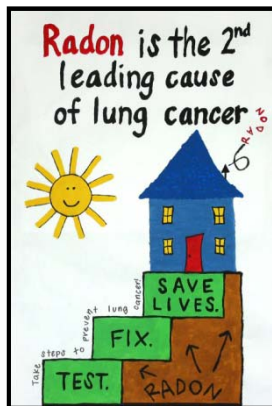
Logan of Dania, FL



2nd Place – 2011

Do You Test Your Home for Radon?

Darwin of Virginia Beach, VA



Honorable Mention – 2011

Radon is the Second Leading Cause of Lung Cancer

Bailey of Athens, GA



3rd Place – 2011

Test Your Home for Radon

Divya of Bridgewater, NJ

Eligibility Requirements

Children ages 9-14 are eligible. They can be enrolled in a public, private, territorial, tribal, DoD or home school; or through a sponsoring club, such as an art, computer, reading or science club; scouting organization; or 4-H club.

Judging Criteria

- Content accuracy
- Visual communication of topic
- Reproducibility
- Originality

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
- **Must not** have student's name on the front
- **Should include** a title on the front
- Topic and title must be on the Artwork Submission Form (available at www.RadonNV.com)
- Can be created with crayon, markers, paint (watercolor, tempera, acrylic), collage, 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.

Radon Information

- UNCE Radon in Nevada: www.RadonNV.com
- National Poster Contest: sosradon.org/poster-contest
- U.S. EPA: www.epa.gov/iaq/radon
- U.S. Geological Survey: <http://energy.cr.usgs.gov/radon/radonhome.html>
- Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry: www.atsdr.cdc.gov/tfacts145.html
- World Health Organization Handbook on Indoor Radon: http://whqlibdoc.who.int/publications/2009/9789241547673_eng.pdf
- American Association of Radon Scientists and Technologists: www.aarst.org/radon_info.shtml



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TIPS for a GOOD POSTER

- A good poster will make people **STOP, READ, and REMEMBER.**
- Read the rules/guidelines carefully and follow the directions.
- **Do some research about the topic. Go to the Web sites listed in this brochure.**
- **Be sure the information that you put on the poster is correct.**
- Think of your poster as a billboard advertisement on this topic.
- **THINK & BE CREATIVE. Come up with a catchy idea or ideas.**
- Start out by drawing or sketching your idea or ideas onto regular paper.
- Ask adults to critique your ideas and tell you what they think.
- Use a pencil first and do ALL the sketching/drawing, but pencil markings must be erased for the final poster so draw lightly.
- Use a ruler to lightly draw lines on your paper for the **title or theme or slogan (remember to erase pencil marks).**
- **Be neat. Try not to smudge the pencil or markers.**
- **Be clean. Take breaks and go wash your hands often.**
- Lettering should be **1 to 2 inches tall so it is easy to read from a distance.**
- You can use stencils to help you do neat lettering.
- **Green, red, blue, or black letters look best on white paper.**
- Do not write long sentences, but use short phrases.
- Be sure that all your **words are spelled correctly.**
- Do not run your letters and words all together. Leave space between each word.
- Do not use different colors for each word or letter. This is hard to read.
- Do not put lots of information on the paper. This is too cluttered.
- Draw a picture or pictures that help to teach your idea or message.
- Do not draw really small or put too many drawings on your paper.
- When you are happy with your drawing, you are ready to start coloring.
- **Color the poster with colored pencils or crayons.**
- Outline your coloring with fine tipped markers.

Artwork Submission Form – 2012 Children’s Radon Poster Contest

Important Note to Teachers: 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.

Teacher

Name _____
Name of School _____ Phone _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Email _____

Please check, if appropriate:

Department of Defense School Territorial School Tribal Nation – name (_____)

Student

Name _____ Grade _____ Age _____ Phone _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Title of Artwork _____

Check your topic:

What is radon? Where is radon found? Where does radon come from?
 Radon can cause lung cancer Test your home for radon Other radon messages

Local newspaper

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Email _____

Please tape this form to the back of the poster.

(Entries making it to the National Radon Poster Contest will require a Release Form which will be sent out by Kansas State University.)