Nevada Radon Poster Contest
Begins May 1, 2015 - Ends Oct. 31, 2015

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.

Nevada youth ages 9-14
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.

The Prizes
In Nevada, the top three winners will receive a cash prize: $75 for the overall state winner, $60 for second, $45 for third.

Teacher Incentive
The top three winning posters in Nevada will receive a cash award for their teacher (or sponsoring organization’s representative), for classroom supplies. The first place winner’s teacher receives $50, second place winner’s teacher wins $35 and third place winner’s teacher receives $20. Encourage your students to participate today!

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.

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, 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.

Radon Resources
• Radon in Nevada: www.RadonNV.com
• National Poster Contest: sosradon.org/poster-contest
• U.S. EPA: www.epa.gov/radon/index.html
• Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry: http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxFAQs/FAQ.asp?id=406&tid=71
• American Association of Radon Scientists and Technologists: www.aarst.org/radon_info.shtml

Nevada Radon Education Program
2016 Radon Poster Contest
Children ages 9-14 are eligible
Entries due by Oct. 31, 2015
To: NV Radon Poster Contest
Attn: Jamie Roice-Gomes
4955 Energy Way
Reno, NV 89502
Phone: 1-888-RADON10
(1-888-723-6610)
Email: roicej@unce.unr.edu

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

2015 Nevada Winning Poster
Radon, the Silent Killer by Brandon, Carson Valley Middle School, Gardnerville
Nevada’s 2016 Radon Poster Contest ends Oct. 31, 2015

Previous Poster Contest winners

2013 Nevada Winning Poster
Night of the Living Radon
Ivory, Mendive Middle School, Sparks

2014 Nevada Winning Poster
Radon Bites
Hannah, Carson Valley Middle School, Gardnerville

2013 National Winning Poster
Almost 8 Million Homes
Eliza of Clinton, TN

2014 Nevada 2nd Place Poster
Are You Living with a Killer?
Ashlee, Kendyl Depoali Middle School, Reno

2015 Nevada 2nd Place Poster
Radon is an Unwelcome Guest
Haley, Carson Valley Middle School, Gardnerville

2014 National Winning Poster
Second Cause of Lung Cancer
Maison of Provo, UT

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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 – 2016 Nevada 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 ______________________________________________

Student
Name _______________________________________________ Grade _______ Age (as of Oct. 31)________ Phone ______________________
Address _____________________________________________ City ____________________ State _______ Zip _________________
Title of Artwork __________________________________________________________________________________________________

Check your topic:
☐ What is radon? ☐ How does radon get into our homes? ☐ Where does radon come from?
☐ Radon can cause lung cancer ☐ Test your home for radon

Local newspaper
Name _____________________________________________________________ Phone ______________________
Address _____________________________________________ City ____________________ State _______ Zip _________________

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Signature of Parent/Guardian of Participant: ______________________________________________  Date: ______________________

Please tape this form to the back of the poster.