

Nevada Radon Poster Contest Ends Oct. 31, 2017

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. The top three winners' posters will also be entered in the national poster contest.

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!

Nevada Radon Education Program 2018 Radon Poster Contest

Entries due by Oct. 31, 2017

To: NV Radon Poster Contest
Attn: Nadia Noel
4955 Energy Way
Reno, NV 89502
Phone: 1-888-RADON10
(1-888-723-6610)

Teachers: E-mail an Excel list of participating students' first and last names, age, and title of their artwork, along with your contact information and school address to noeln@unce.unr.edu.

Artwork Submission Form must be attached to back of each poster. Form and flyer available on the **Nevada Radon website:** www.RadonNV.com

Nevada's 2017 Winning Poster was also the 2017 2nd place National Winner!



That Monster Radon

Joshua, Canarelli Middle School, Las Vegas

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
- U.S. EPA: www.epa.gov/radon
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/radiation/brochure/profile_radon.htm
- Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry: <http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxfaqs/tf.asp?id=406&tid=71>
- World Health Organization Handbook on Indoor Radon: http://whqlibdoc.who.int/publications/2009/9789241547673_eng.pdf

Previous Poster Contest winners

Nevada's 2017 Winning Poster was also the 2nd place National Winner!



That Monster Radon

Joshua, Canarelli Middle School, Las Vegas

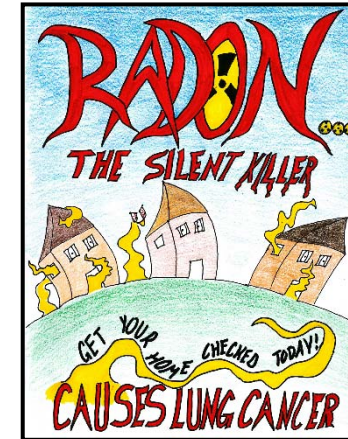
Nevada's 2016 Winning Poster was also the 2016 National Winner!



Uncle Radon

Chris, Carson Valley Middle School, Gardnerville

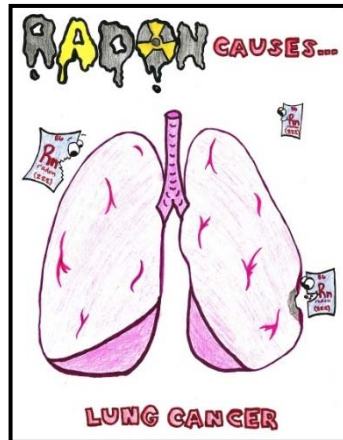
Nevada's 2015 Winning Poster



Radon, the Silent Killer

Brandon, Carson Valley Middle School, Gardnerville

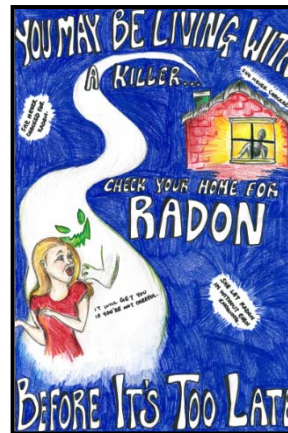
Nevada's 2014 Winning Poster



Radon Bites

Hannah, Carson Valley Middle School, Gardnerville

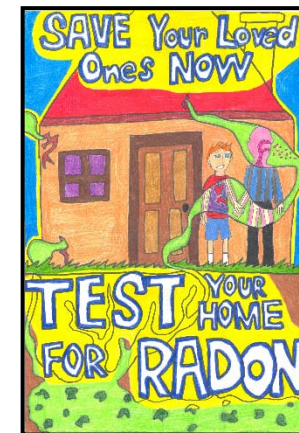
Nevada's 2013 Winning Poster



Night of the Living Radon

Ivory, Mendive Middle School, Sparks

Nevada's 2012 Winning Poster



Test Your Home for Radon

Angelagrace, Helen C. Cannon Jr. High School, Las Vegas



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 – 2018 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 _____ Gender _____ Grade _____ Age (as of Oct. 31) _____

Race and Ethnicity (check the following that apply):
 Caucasian African American Native American Asian or Pacific Islander/Other Hispanic 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 _____

With this contest entry, I give permission, without restriction, to University of Nevada Cooperative Extension to use this poster image, along with the winner's name and photo, for educational and promotional use, as directed by the university, without payment or remuneration for any appearances, use or displays. I acknowledge the university's right to crop or treat the display of my photograph or poster image at its discretion. I understand that the university may use these materials in printed and internet publications and/or presentations that they produce, and that they may also give these materials and information to news media and other organizations for educational or promotional purposes.

Parent/Guardian

Signature of Parent/Guardian of Participant: _____ Date: _____
Phone _____ Email _____ (needed for awards and ceremony communication purposes)

Please tape this form to the back of the poster.