



## 2017 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 in Iowa, American Lung Association of the Upper Midwest 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; the first place winner will receive \$300, second place winner, \$200, third place winner, \$150, fourth place winner \$100, and fifth place \$50. Schools with the most submissions will receive \$200.

Full Contest details and additional radon information is available on the contest website at: [http://healthhouse.org/radon/ia\\_poster.cfm](http://healthhouse.org/radon/ia_poster.cfm). If you have questions about the radon poster contest, please contact Stephanie Huber at (217) 718-6692 or [Stephanie.Huber@lung.org](mailto:Stephanie.Huber@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 2, 2017
- ✓ Entries are mailed to Attn: Micki Sandquist, American Lung Association in Iowa  
2530 73rd St, Urbandale, IA 50322



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



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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:

- 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.healthhouse.org/radon](http://www.healthhouse.org/radon); <http://idph.iowa.gov/radon>; [www.sosradon.org](http://www.sosradon.org); [www.epa.gov/radon](http://www.epa.gov/radon)