



2017 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 Agency 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 Agency Radon Program along with the American Lung Association in Illinois, CanSAR, Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago, Southern Illinois Radon Awareness Task Force, and Ecology Action Center 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; the first place winner will receive \$200, second place winner, \$150 and the third place winner, \$100. Full Contest details and additional radon information is available on the contest website at: http://www.healthhouse.org/radon/il_poster.cfm. If you have questions about the radon poster contest, please contact Stephanie Huber at (217) 718-6692 or 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 the American Lung Association of Illinois
Attn: Stephanie Huber, 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://www.illinois.gov/iema/NRS/Radon/Pages/default.aspx>,
http://www.healthhouse.org/radon/il_resources.cfm, <https://www.epa.gov/radon>,
<http://takeactiononradon.illinois.edu/>, www.cansar.org, <http://www.lungchicago.org/radon>