

National Radon Poster Contest

Guidelines and Criteria

Radon:

Radon is a colorless, odorless, and tasteless gas. It is also radioactive, formed by the natural decay of uranium in rock, soil, and water. Low levels of uranium occur widely in the Earth's crust in all 50 states. Radon gas moves through the ground to the surface, and can enter homes and buildings. There is no way of telling how much radon is present unless it is tested. The Surgeon General states that radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the U.S.

The Goals:

The National Safety Council (NSC), in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, sponsors a National Radon Poster Contest. The goals are to raise awareness about the harmful effects of elevated levels of indoor radon gas and to increase the number of homes tested for radon.

The Contest:

All school in states, territories, tribal nations, and Department of Defense (DoD) are encouraged to participate in the radon poster contest. Judging panels will select winners and runner-ups in each state and territory for entry in the national contest. To find out where to submit posters, visit the National Safety Council website at www.nsc.org/issues/radon.

The Prize:

- The winning national poster will be unveiled at an awards ceremony in Washington, D.C., in January 2008.

- The national winner, a parent, and teacher (or sponsoring organization's representative) will win an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., to participate in the ceremony.
- The national winning poster will be reproduced into a nationally distributed poster.

Eligibility:

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

Poster Topics:

One of the following radon topics must be depicted in the artwork:

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

Artwork Requirements:

- Artwork must be original.
- Student name **must not** be on the front of the artwork.
- Posters should have a title on the front.
- The topic and title must be on the Artwork Submission and Release Form.
- Entries should be on white paper.
- Materials may include crayon, markers, paint (watercolor, tempera, acrylic),

collage, photographs, or computer graphics.

- Lettering and message should be large enough to reproduce well. All pencil markings should be erased.
- Copyrighted characters (such as Snoopy), product logos, and trademarked or brand names cannot be used.

Judging Criteria:

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

Entry Submission:

- Entries will not be accepted before July 1, 2007, or after October 15, 2007.
- Only one entry may be submitted per child.
- The Artwork Submission and Release Form must be completed (**legibly!**), signed by a parent or guardian, and submitted with the poster (preferably taped to the back of the poster).
- The Artwork Submission and Release Form is available at www.nsc.org/issues/radon.
- Information on where to submit entries for each state, tribal nation, territory, and DoD school is available at www.nsc.org/issues/radon.
- **The poster entry and Artwork Submission and Release Form must be received no later than October 15, 2007.**

2007 Winning Posters



See all the 2007 winners at http://www.nsc.org/issues/radon/poster_winners.htm.

Radon Information:

- National Safety Council Radon Frequently Asked Questions: www.nsc.org/issues/radon/faq.htm
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: <http://www.epa.gov/radon> and <http://www.epa.gov/iaq/radon/myths.html>.
- List of state radon contacts: <http://www.epa.gov/iaq/contacts.html> for state-specific information
- American Association of Radon Scientists and Technologists: http://www.aarst.org/radon_risk.shtml
- Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors: <http://www.crcpd.org>
- U.S. Geological Survey: <http://energy.cr.usgs.gov/radon/georadon.html>
- Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry: <http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/tfacts145.html>

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