

RADON POSTER CONTEST

Introduction

Radon is a colorless, odorless, and tasteless gas that can cause lung cancer. The U.S. 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 for it.

Purpose and Goal

The Nation Radon Poster Contest serves to raise awareness of the harmful effects of elevated levels of indoor radon gas and promote testing and mitigation of indoor radon. By participating in this activity, students will learn about radon and how to reduce their risk of exposure.

Poster Topics

Poster entries are accepted on the following 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.
6. Mitigating radon in your home.

Eligibility

Youth ages 9-14 are eligible. They may be enrolled in a public, private, territorial, tribal, Department of Defense (DoD), or home school; or qualify through a sponsoring club, such as art, computer, reading or science clubs, scouting organizations, or 4-H clubs. Only one entry per child may be submitted.

Submission/Prizes

Entries must be mailed into the Connecticut Department of Public Health Radon Program and **received by November 12th, 2024**. Late entries will not be accepted. The first, second, and third place poster winners will be announced by December 31, 2024. The first-place poster will be submitted to the national contest where prizes may be awarded by CRCPD, compliments of the American Lung Association, in January 2025.

Please send posters with entry submission and release forms to:

**Radon Program
CT Department of Public Health
410 Capitol Ave, MS#12-RAD
Hartford, CT 06134**

Artwork Requirements

- Be original
- No student names on the front of the poster
- Artwork Submission Form must be included with the poster
- White paper – 11” x 17” size is preferred, but all submission sizes will be accepted (preferred size best for reproducibility)
- Can be created with crayon, markers, paint (watercolor, tempera, and acrylic), collage, pencil, photographs, or computer graphics.
- Lettering and message should be large enough to reproduce well, with all pencil markings erased.
- Copyrighted characters, product logos, and trademarked or brand names cannot be used.

Judging Criteria

- Content accuracy on radon
- Visual communication of topic
- Reproducibility (larger letters, good contrast)
- Originality
- Free of grammatical and/or typographical errors

Resources

U.S. EPA: www.epa.gov/radon

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/radon>

CT DPH Radon Program” www.ct.gov/radon

Radon Leaders: www.radonleaders.org

National Radon Program Services: sosradon.org

CRCPD: www.crcpd.org

Note:

The CT DPH Radon Program may be able to provide 11” x 17” poster paper for the students.
Please email DPH.RadonReports@ct.gov to inquire about availability.