Nevada Radon Poster Contest
Ends Oct. 31, 2019

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 gift card of their choice worth: $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 gift card award for their teacher (or sponsoring organization’s representative), for classroom supplies. The first place winner’s teacher receives a gift card of their choice worth $50, second place winner’s teacher wins $35 and third place winner’s teacher receives $20. Encourage your students to participate today!

Nevada's 2019 Winning Poster
was also the 2019 2nd Place
National Winner!

Radon: Test Your Home NOW
Ana, Carson Valley Middle School

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 8.5 x 11 or 12 x 18, 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
• High quality digital posters must be physically mailed AND emailed
• Copyrighted characters (such as Snoopy), product logos, 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
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Previous Poster Contest winners

Nevada’s 2018 Winning Poster was also the 2018 National Winner!

Element of Surprise
Jacob, Carson Valley Middle School

Nevada’s 2017 2nd Place 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 2017 2nd Place Poster was also the 2nd place National Winner!

Radon Bites
Hannah, Carson Valley Middle School, Gardnerville

Nevada’s 2014 Winning Poster

Night of the Living Radon
Ivory, Mendive Middle School, Sparks

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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 websites 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 – 2020 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, 2019)________
Phone _____________________
Address _____________________________________________ City ________________________ State _______________ Zip ______________
Title of Artwork _________________________________________________________________________________________________________

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

Address ________________________________________________ City ___________________ State _____ Zip _________________

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 __________________________________________________________________________
Address _________________________________________________________ Phone _________________________

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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.