RADON POSTER CONTEST

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Each year, Florida participates in the National Radon Poster Contest to raise awareness about the dangers of radon gas. Florida won the national competition several times since 2008. The posters will be reproduced and distributed nationwide to promote radon awareness and testing of homes, schools, and other buildings during National Radon Action Month in January and throughout the year.

If your class is interested in the contest, review the guidelines below and complete and attach the form on the other side of this flyer to the submitted poster.

The Cause: Radon

Radon is a colorless, odorless, tasteless, naturally occurring radioactive gas that comes from the soil. Radon seeps into homes from the ground, collects inside the home, and then is inhaled by the residents. The U.S. Surgeon General states that it is the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers in the United States. Testing for radon is the only way to detect the level of radon present inside the home.

The Goal: Raise Awareness

By raising awareness of the harmful effects of radon, the number of homes with high levels of radon can decrease. This contest is designed to raise awareness about radon testing and mitigation, and to inform the public of the dangers of long-term exposure to elevated indoor radon gas.

Example Poster Topics

- 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, save a life.

Judging Criteria

- Content accuracy on radon
- Visual communication of topic
- Easily reproduced (large letters, good contrast)
- Originality
- No grammatical and/or typographical errors

General Requirements

- Must be an original piece of art by students 10-14 years old
- Does not include copyrighted characters, product logos, and trademarked or brand names

Artwork Requirements

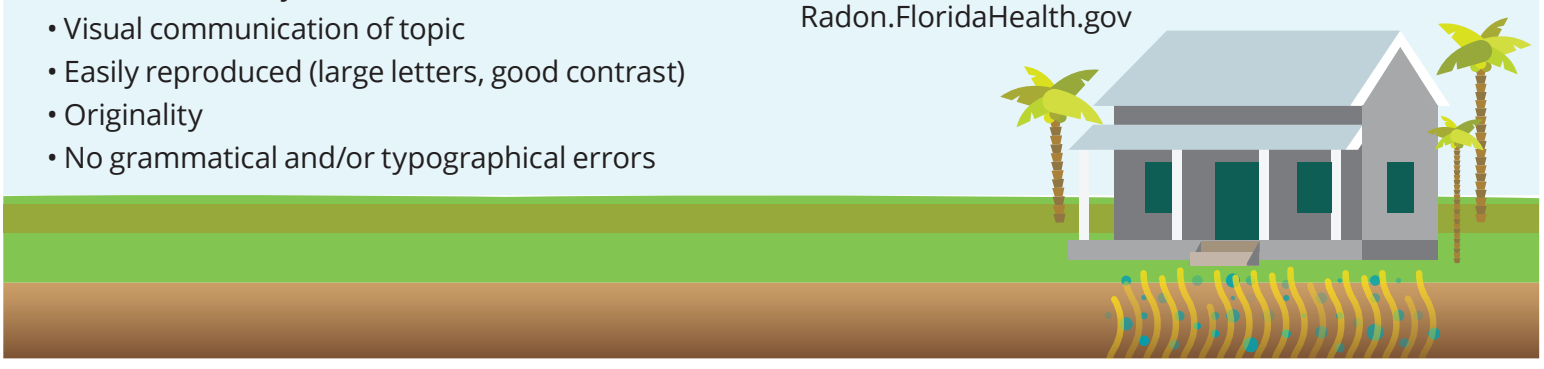
- Paper sizes from 12 x 18 and portrait orientation are preferred, but all submissions will be accepted
- Can be created with crayon, markers, paint (watercolor, tempera, acrylic), collage, photographs, or computer graphics
- Must not have student's name on the front
- Topic and title must be on the back of Artwork Submission Form
- Messages should be short, accurate, and without grammatical and/or typographical errors
- Lettering should be large enough to reproduce and all pencil markings (if any) should be erased

Contest Calendar

- Contest opens **September 1** and closes **November 1**
- National winners notified by December 31
- Winners will be notified of award ceremony date

Contact

Florida Department of Health, Radon Program
800-543-8279
Radon.FloridaHealth.gov



POSTER SUBMISSION FORM

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Important Note to Teachers: Please fill in (type or print) the requested information under the **Teacher** section before making copies of this form for your students. Please ask your students to **clearly print** their information.

Teacher

Name_____ Email _____

School Name_____ Phone _____

Address_____ City_____ State ____ ZIP Code _____

Student

Name_____ Grade_____ DOB _____ Phone _____

Address_____ City_____ State ____ ZIP Code _____

Title of Poster _____

By signing below and submitting my artwork to this contest, I represent that I am the owner, or the parent or legal guardian of the owner, of the artwork; that I grant to the Florida Department of Health the absolute and irrevocable right and permission to the artwork; that this grant is made without consideration and includes the right to copyright the artwork in the name of the Department and to copy, use, re-use, publish, and re-publish the artwork in any form and for any purpose; that I have read and understood this statement and that I release the Department from any claims arising from or in connection with the use of the artwork, including claims for copyright infringement, payment, royalties, or other compensation. I also acknowledge and agree that the original artwork will not be returned to me or to the school that sponsored the contest.

Signature (Artist): _____ Date _____

Printed Full Legal Name (Artist) _____

If the owner of the artwork is a minor, the signature of the parent or legal guardian is also required to enter.

Signature (Parent/Guardian): _____ Date _____

Printed Full Legal Name (parent/guardian) _____

Topic Ideas:

- 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

Please ATTACH this form to the back of each poster. All posters must be submitted as paper copies.
Send materials to:
Florida Dept. of Health
Radon Program
4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin A08
Tallahassee, FL 32399-7017

If you have any questions, please e-mail **RadonOutreach@flhealth.gov** or call **800-543-8279**. Learn more about the contest at **Radon.FloridaHealth.gov**