

# Wyoming Radon 2018 Poster Contest

Contest Ends: 04/16/2018

Winners Announced: 05/16/2018

## The Cause: Radon

Radon is a colorless, odorless and tasteless gas that could cause cancer. 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 know 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 levels in their home.

## Wyoming Youth Grades 4-12

Students in grades 4-12 are eligible. They can be enrolled in a public, private, territorial, tribal, or home school, or through a sponsoring club, such as an art, computer, reading or science club, scouting organization, or 4-H club. Entries will be divided into groups: grades 4-6, grades 7-9, and grades 10-12.

## The Prizes

- The top two winners in each group will receive a prize appropriate for their age group and availability in their area. Examples of prizes are:
  - Movie tickets for winner and three friends.
  - Supplies for family movie night: Redbox certificates and snacks.
  - Bowling Night for winner and three friends or family members.
  - Passes to a zoo, aquarium, museum or local state park.
  - Passes to local pool or waterpark.
  - Equivalent prizes will be determined if needed.
- The top four entries per group will be used for the 2019 Radon Calendar.
- The top three winners ages 9-14 will also be entered in the 2019 national poster contest.
- All participants of the contest will receive a coupon for a free radon test for their home.

## Classroom Incentives

The classroom of the winning students will receive a prize such as classroom supplies or a classroom activity. Encourage your students to participate today!

## 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
- Reproducibility
- Originality
- Visual communication of topic

## Artwork Requirements

Artwork must meet the following requirements:

- White Paper- size preferred is 12x18 or 8.5x11, but all submission sizes will be accepted.
- Must not have students name on the front
- Should include a title on the front
- Can be created with crayon, markers, paint (watercolor, tempera, and acrylic), collage, pencil, photographs, or computer graphics.
- Copyrighted characters (such as Snoopy), product logos and trademarked or brand names cannot be used.
- Lettering and message should be large enough to reproduce well, with all pencil markings erased.
- **Artwork submission form** must be attached to each poster. Topic and title must be on the Artwork Submission Form (available at [www.wyomingradon.org](http://www.wyomingradon.org)).

## Submission Information

Mail submissions to:

WY Radon Poster Contest

Attn: Star Jones, Integrated Cancer Services Program

6101 Yellowstone Road, Suite 510

Cheyenne, WY 82002

307-777-6015

**Teachers or sponsoring organizations:** E-mail an Excel list of participating students' first and last names, along with your contact information and school address to [star.jones@wyo.gov](mailto:star.jones@wyo.gov).

- Coupons for radon kits will be distributed using this information.

## Timeline

Submission deadline: April 16th, 2018

Winners announced: May 16th, 2018

Teachers or organization representatives will be notified via email. Teacher or organization representative will choose from the prizes listed above.

## Radon References

- Radon in Wyoming: [www.wyomingradon.org](http://www.wyomingradon.org)
- U.S. EPA: [www.epa.gov/radon](http://www.epa.gov/radon)
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: [https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/radiation/brochure/profile\\_radon.htm](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>
- World Health Organization Handbook on Indoor Radon: [http://whqlibdoc.who.int/publications/2009/9789241547373\\_eng.pdf](http://whqlibdoc.who.int/publications/2009/9789241547373_eng.pdf)

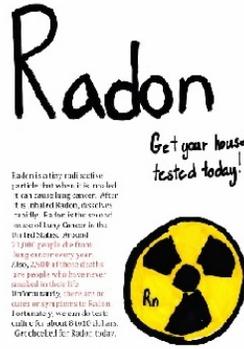
## TIPS for a GOOD POSTER

- 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 on the contest handout.
- Be sure the information that you put on the poster is correct.
- Think of your poster as a billboard advertisement on this topic.
- Think and 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.
- Use short phrases, not long sentences.
- Be sure that all your words are spelled correctly.
- 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.

Previous Contest Winners from other states



Utah- 4th Grade



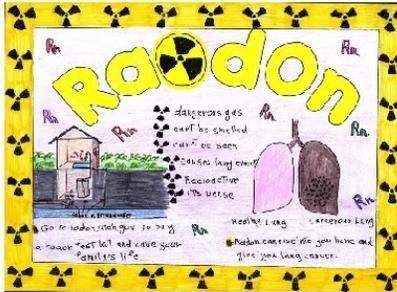
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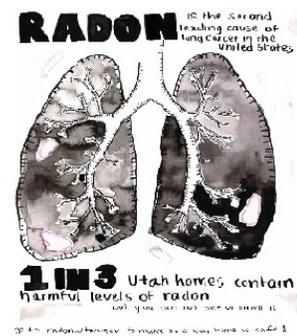
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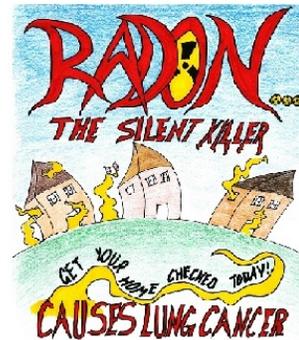
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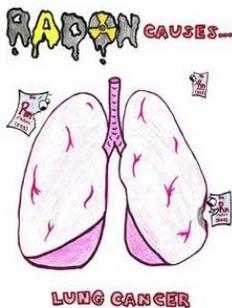
Nevada- Middle School  
\*2nd Place National Winner



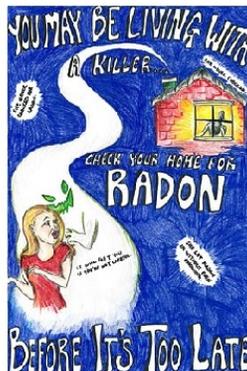
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