

# Wyoming Radon 2019 Poster Contest

Contest ends: 05/10/2019

Winners Announced: 05/17/2019

## 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 3-9

Children grades 3-9 are eligible. They can be enrolled in 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 3-6, and grades 7-9.

## The Prizes

- First place winners will receive a Fitbit and a State Parks Pass
- Second place winners will receive a State Parks pass
- 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 funding for school supplies upon request to the Wyoming Cancer Program (WCP) and not to exceed \$50 dollars. 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 home?
4. Radon can cause lung cancer.
5. Test your home for radon.

## Judging Criteria

- Content accuracy
- Correct Spelling
- Reproducibility
- Originality of poster
- 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
- 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 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: Aaron Fegenbush, Wyoming Cancer Program  
6101 Yellowstone Road, Suite 510  
Cheyenne, WY 82002  
307-777-6015

**Teaching or Sponsoring Organizations:** Email an excel list of participating students' first and last names, along with your contact information and school address to [aaron.fegenbush@wyo.gov](mailto:aaron.fegenbush@wyo.gov).

## Timeline

- Submission deadline: May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- Winners announced: May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- Teachers or organization representatives will be notified via email. Prizes and awards will be mailed.

## Radon References

- Radon in Wyoming: <https://health.wyo.gov/publichealth/prevention/cancer/radon/>
- U.S. EPA: [www.epa.gov/radon](http://www.epa.gov/radon)
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/radon/>
- Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry: <https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxfaqs/tf.asp?id=406&tid=71>
- World Health Organization Handbook on Indoor Radon: [https://www.who.int/ionizing\\_radiation/env/radon/en/](https://www.who.int/ionizing_radiation/env/radon/en/)
- American Lung Association Radon: <https://www.lung.org/our-initiatives/healthy-air/indoor/indoor-air-pollutants/radon.html>
- Radon induced lung cancer survivor story: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ACV55HV1HVE>
- Huntsman Cancer Center in Salt Lake City: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TOcFmv58v04>
- Informational videos about radon: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL9C3A6C7497034EC6>

## 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 the 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 marking 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 marks.
- 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 pencil or crayons.
- Outline your coloring with fine tipped markers.

**2018 Contest Winners from Wyoming**



3<sup>rd</sup> Grade 1<sup>st</sup> Place



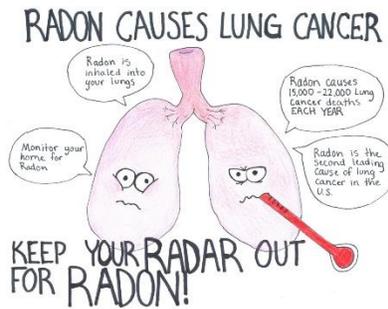
7<sup>th</sup> Grade 1<sup>st</sup> Place



9<sup>th</sup> Grade 1<sup>st</sup> Place



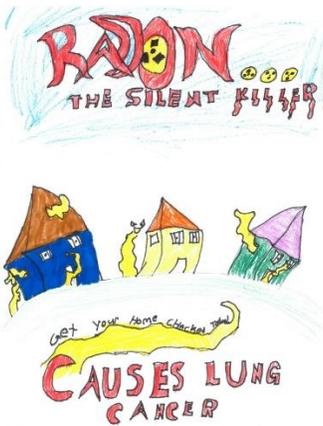
7<sup>th</sup> Grade 2<sup>nd</sup> Place



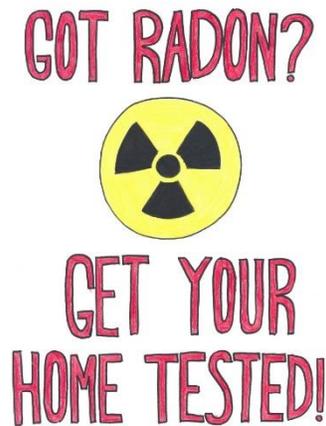
9<sup>th</sup> Grade 2<sup>nd</sup> Place



3<sup>rd</sup> Grade 3<sup>rd</sup> Place



3<sup>rd</sup> Grade 2<sup>nd</sup> Place



7<sup>th</sup> Grade 3<sup>rd</sup> Place



9<sup>th</sup> Grade 3<sup>rd</sup> Place