

Wyoming Cancer Program's
POSTER
CONTEST

Information and Rules

The Cause: Radon

Radon is a colorless, odorless and tasteless gas and the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States. This radioactive element comes from the ground and can enter homes and buildings through foundation openings. The only way to determine radon levels is to test.

The Goal: Raise Awareness

Harmful effects of elevated indoor radon levels 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 Wyoming residents of the dangers of radon in their homes.

The Who: Students grades 3-9

Students grades 3-9 are eligible. They can be enrolled in a public, private, territorial, tribal, DoD or home school; or participate 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 in each age group: \$250 gift card
Second place in each age group: \$150 gift card.

Teacher Incentive

The teachers of the winning students will each receive at \$100 toward classroom supplies.



**Entries must be
submitted by
April 15, 2024**

Radon Resources

- U.S. EPA: www.epa.gov/radon
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/radon>
- Radon Leaders: www.radonleaders.org
- National Radon Program Services: sosradon.org
- CRCPD: www.crcpd.org

Visit the Wyoming radon website to view previous contest submissions at health.wyo.gov/radon or scan the QR code.



Winning posters will be submitted to the National Radon Poster Contest.

All posters may be used for educational outreach on social media and the Wyoming Cancer Program's website.

Contest Rules

Poster Topics

Choose from the following 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.
- Mitigating radon in your home.

Poster Requirements

Poster must meet the following requirements:

- Be original.
- No student name on the front of the poster.
- Artwork Submission Form must be included with the poster.
- White paper, 8 1/2" x 11" or 11" x 17" size is preferred.
- Can be created with crayon, markers, paint (watercolor, tempera, or acrylic), collage, pencil, photographs or computer graphics.
- Lettering and messaging 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

- Accuracy of the message on the poster.
- Visual communication of the topic.
- Creativity of the poster.
- Originality of the poster.
- Reproducibility of the poster.

Submission Information

Mail entries to:

Wyoming Cancer Program
Attn: Radon Poster Contest
122 West 25th St., 3rd Floor West
Cheyenne, WY 82002

Or scan and email entries to:

Wdh.cancerservices@wyo.gov

Tips for making 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 handout.
- Be sure the information you use is accurate, for example, not referring to radon as “poisonous.”
- Think of your poster as a billboard advertisement on this topic.
- BE CREATIVE. Come up with a catchy idea or ideas.
- Draw images that help to teach your idea or message.
- Start out by drawing or sketching your ideas onto regular paper.
- Ask others 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.
- Be sure all the words are spelled correctly.
- Use colors and fonts that are easy to read.
- 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.
- When you are happy with your drawing, start coloring.
- Green, red, blue, and black letters look best on white paper.
- Be neat. Try not to smudge the pencil or markers.
- Be clean. Take breaks and go wash your hands often.
- Write short phrases rather than long sentences.
- Leave space between each word. Do not run the letters or words together.
- Do not use different colors for each word or letter. It makes it hard to read.
- Do not put too much information on the paper. It will look too cluttered.
- Do not draw too small or put too many drawings on the paper.

Getting Started

Follow these four simple steps to enter the 2024 Wyoming Radon Poster Contest

1. Get the details

- Preview rules and guidelines, judging information, and radon links to aid in message development at health.wyo.gov/radon.

2. Make your poster

- Creativity and originality are highly encouraged as long as the poster promotes radon risk awareness and home testing.

3. Submit poster

- Complete the artwork submission form and include it with the poster.
- Return poster and submission form to teacher for students who participated as part of a classroom activity.
- Printed or scanned posters and submission forms can be submitted via e-mail or regular mail by April 15, 2024 at 5 p.m. MST.

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