



2021 Pennsylvania Radon Poster Contest

Sponsored by the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection



The Cause: Radon

Radon is a colorless, odorless, and tasteless gas that can cause lung cancer. The U.S. 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 for it. Radon tests are simple and inexpensive.

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 Pennsylvanians' awareness of the importance of radon testing and the danger of radon in their homes.

Pennsylvania Youth Ages 9 - 14

Children ages 9-14 are eligible. They can be enrolled in a public, private, or home school or through a sponsoring club, such as an art, computer, reading or science club; scouting organization; or 4-H club.

The Winner

The first-place winner will be entered in the 2021 National Radon Poster Contest, sponsored by the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors. DEP will use the top three posters throughout the year for educational outreach.

Announcement

DEP staff will select the top three posters across the state and notify the winners by November 20.

Pennsylvania Radon Poster Contest

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Deadline for entries:
Nov. 1, 2020

Mail to:

Department of Environmental Protection Radon Division
Attn: Jamie Ruminski
P.O. Box 8469
Harrisburg, PA 17105-8469

Submission form must be attached to back of poster!

For questions:

Jamie Ruminski
Phone: 717-787-4936
Email: iruminski@pa.gov

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

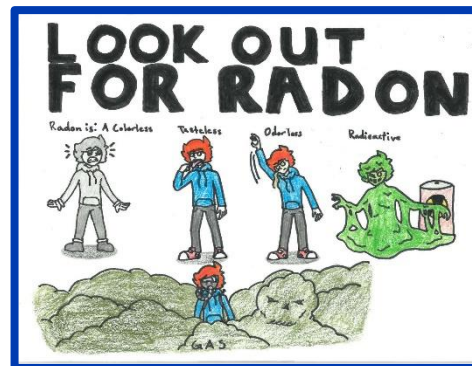
Artwork must meet the following requirements:

- White Paper - size preferred is 8.5 x 11 or 11 x 17, but all submission sizes will be accepted.
- **Must not** have student's name on the front.
- Topic and title must be on the Artwork Submission Form.
- Can be created with crayon, markers, paint (watercolor, tempera, acrylic), collage, colored 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.

Radon Resources

- Radon in Pennsylvania: www.dep.pa.gov/radon
- U.S. EPA: www.epa.gov/radon
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/radiation/brochure/profile_radon.htm
- Radon Leaders www.radonleaders.org
- National Radon Program Services sosradon.org

Pennsylvania's 2020 Winning Poster



Topic: What is Radon?

by Brandon, 8th Grade
Dingmans Ferry, PA

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 Web sites 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 – 2021 Pennsylvania 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 _____ Grade _____ Age (as of Nov. 30) _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Title of Artwork _____

Check your topic:

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|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> What is radon? | <input type="checkbox"/> How does radon get into our homes? | <input type="checkbox"/> Where does radon come from? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Radon can cause lung cancer | <input type="checkbox"/> Test your home for radon | |

Local newspaper

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

How did you hear about this contest? _____

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Signature of Parent/Guardian of Participant: _____ Date: _____

Please tape this form to the back of the poster.