



# 2020 Indiana Radon Poster Contest

## Opportunity for Students

Radon is a colorless, odorless, tasteless, radioactive gas produced by the natural decay of uranium in the soil. Exposure to elevated radon levels increases the risk of developing lung cancer. Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers and is the number one cause of death in homes, surpassing falls, poisoning, fires, choking, and drowning. Approximately 1 in 3 homes tested have radon levels at or above the EPA action level of 4.0 pCi/L in Indiana. By participating in this activity, students will learn about radon and how to reduce their risk of exposure.

In order to spread the message about radon's health hazards, the Indiana State Department of Health along with the American Lung Association, host a statewide **Indiana Radon Poster Contest**. We are calling on Indiana citizens **ages 9-14** to create a radon poster that will increase public awareness of radon gas and encourage other Hoosiers to test their homes.

Three winning posters from the entire state of Indiana will be selected to receive awards:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place winner will receive \$200**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner will receive \$150**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner will receive \$100**

If you have questions about the radon poster contest, please contact the Indiana Radon Hotline at 1-800-272-9723 or e-mail [PosterContest@Lung.org](mailto:PosterContest@Lung.org).

### Contest Checklist:

- ✓ Each poster has an entry form completed and attached to back of each poster.
- ✓ All information and spelling on each poster is correct
- ✓ Entries are postmarked on or before March 6, 2020
- ✓ Entries are mailed to:

**American Lung Association**  
2501 Chatham Rd. Ste. 200  
Springfield, IL 62704





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## Poster Guidelines

### 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

### What the judges are looking for:

- Accuracy of poster content
- Correct spelling
- Reproducibility of poster
- Originality of poster  
(Does not resemble a past winner)
- Poster is aesthetically pleasing

### Requirements:

- Be original
- Student's name is not on the front
- Topic and title must be on the Artwork Submission Form (1 copy included!)
- White paper - 12 x 18 and 8.5 x 11 sizes are preferred, but all sizes will be accepted
- Can be created with crayon, markers, paint, collage, photographs or computer graphics
- Lettering and message should be large enough to reproduce well.
- All pencil markings erased
- Copyrighted characters, product logos and trademarked or brand names cannot be used

*Additional resources for radon related information include:*

<https://www.in.gov/isdh/24346.htm>, <http://www.Lung.org/radon>, <https://www.epa.gov/radon>,  
<http://takeactiononradon.Indiana.edu/>, [www.cansar.org](http://www.cansar.org)



## 2020 Indiana Radon Poster Contest: Entry Form

**Important Note to Teacher/ Group Leader/ Parent:** 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.

Title of Artwork: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check:**    School    After School program    Youth Group/Club    Home School

Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School/Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School/Organization Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Newspaper Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Paper/poster guidelines: 12 x 18 and 8.5 x 11 sizes are preferred, but all submission sizes will be accepted!**

**Please tape the entry form to the backside of the poster. Avoid stapling to poster.**

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