

# RADON POSTER CONTEST

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



**Each year, Florida participates in the National Radon Poster Contest to raise awareness about the dangers of radon gas.** Florida has had five winners at the national level since 2008. The posters will be reproduced and distributed nationwide to promote radon awareness and testing of homes, schools and other buildings during National Radon Action Month in January and throughout the year.

If your class is interested in the contest, review the guidelines below and complete and attach the form on the other side of this flyer to the submitted poster.

## The Cause: Radon

Radon is a colorless, odorless, tasteless, naturally occurring radioactive gas that comes from the soil. Radon seeps into homes from the ground, collects inside the home, and then is inhaled by the residents. The U.S. Surgeon General states that it is the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers in the United States. Testing for radon is the only way to detect the level of radon present inside the home.

## The Goal: Raise Awareness

By raising awareness of the harmful effects of radon, the number of homes with high levels of radon can decrease. This contest is designed to raise awareness about radon testing and mitigation, and to inform the public of the dangers of long-term exposure to elevated indoor radon gas.

## Example 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, save a life.

## Judging Criteria

- Content accuracy on radon
- Visual communication of topic
- Easily reproduced (large letters, good contrast)
- Originality
- No grammatical and/or typographical errors

## General Requirements

- Be an original piece of art by students 10-14 years old
- Do not include copyrighted characters, product logos, and trademarked or brand names

## Artwork Requirements

- Paper sizes from 12 x 18 is preferred, but all submissions will be accepted
- Can be created with crayon, markers, paint (watercolor, tempera, acrylic), collage, photographs, or computer graphics
- Must not have student's name on the front
- Topic and title must be on the back of Artwork Submission Form
- Messages should be short, accurate, and without grammatical and/or typographical errors
- Lettering should be large enough to reproduce and all pencil markings (if any) should be erased

## Contest Calendar

- Contest opens **September 1** and closes **November 1**
- National winners notified by December 31
- Winners will be notified of award ceremony date

## Contact

Florida Department of Health, Radon Program  
800-543-8279  
Radon.FloridaHealth.gov



# POSTER SUBMISSION FORM

## FLORIDA RADON POSTER CONTEST



**Important Note to Teachers:** Please fill in (type or print) the requested information under the **Teacher** section before making copies of this form for your students. Please ask your students to **clearly print** their information.

### Teacher

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

### Student

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Poster \_\_\_\_\_

### Topic Ideas: Check one

- What is radon?    How does radon get into our homes?    Where does radon come from?  
 Radon can cause lung cancer                       Test your home for radon

**Please ATTACH this form to the back of each poster.** Entries selected for the National Radon Poster Contest will **require a Release Form** which will be sent out by the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors.

**All posters must be submitted as paper copies.** Send materials to:

Florida Dept. of Health  
Radon Program  
4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin A08  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1720

If you have any questions, please e-mail [Michelle.Sampson@flhealth.gov](mailto:Michelle.Sampson@flhealth.gov) or **call 800-543-8279**.  
Learn more about the contest at **[Radon.FloridaHealth.gov](http://Radon.FloridaHealth.gov)**