

## NH Radon Program Third Annual Radon Poster Contest

The [NH Radon Program](#), a program within the Division of Public Health Services (DPHS), is hosting a radon poster contest for New Hampshire students in grades 5-8! This contest is designed to raise awareness for radon testing and to inform people of the danger of radon in their homes.

Radon is a gas that is naturally occurring in the environment. In New Hampshire, 1 in 3 homes have elevated levels. It doesn't matter if your home is old or new or where it is located. Testing for radon is the only way of knowing whether it is present in a home. We hope you will share information with your students and colleagues and engage them in conversation around [radon](#) and getting their homes tested. *Free test kits are available at <https://states.aelabs.com/#/nh>.*

### State Contest

Contest winners will receive prize money on a GIFT CARD. The artwork from the winners and honorable mentions will be featured on the DPHS social media channels and on the NH Radon Program's website.

#### First Place:

- \$100 prize for first place in grades 5-6
- \$100 prize for first place in grades 7-8
- \$100 prize for each winning classroom

#### Second Place:

- \$75 prize for first place grades 5-6
- \$75 prize for first place grades 7-8
- \$100 prize for each winning classroom

#### Third Place:

- \$50 prize for first place grades 5-6
- \$50 prize for first place grades 7-8
- \$100 prize for each winning classroom



## Schedule

- November 9 – Entries due to NH Radon Program
- November 27 – Winners announced
- December 8 – Prizes awarded
- January 2024 – National contest winners announced

## National Poster Contest

The NH Radon Program will enter the highest scoring poster overall into the National Radon Poster Contest, organized and sponsored by the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors (CRCPD) and American Lung Association (ALA). Entries are due by November 30, 2023 with prizes awarded by CRCPD, compliments of the ALA, in January 2024. Students must be ages 9-14 to be eligible.

## Submission Requirements

Scan the poster and email with the completed [Artwork Submission Form](#). Students may also submit posters by mail to:

Department of Health and Human Services  
Division of Public Health Services  
C/O Lynne Clement  
29 Hazen Drive  
Concord NH 03301

*Note: Posters may be used for education outreach. Each applicant must include a signed release on the Artwork Submission Form for use of the poster.*

## Eligibility Requirements

Students in grades 5-8 can participate in the New Hampshire poster contest. Students must be age 9-14 to be eligible for the national contest.



## Poster Topics—Choose from the Following Six 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.
6. Mitigating radon in your home.

## Artwork Requirements

- Artwork Submission Form and Consent must be included with the poster.
- Be original
- White paper size 8.5” X 11” is preferred.
- No student names on the front of the poster.
- Include a title on the front of the poster
- Posters can be created with crayon, markers, paint, collage, pencil, photographs or computer graphics
- Lettering and message should be large enough to reproduce well, with all pencil markings erased
- *Copyrighted characters, product logos, and trademarked or brand names cannot be used and will be immediately disqualified*

## Judging Criteria

- Content accuracy
- Visual communication of the topic
- Ability to reproduce
- Originality
- No grammatical errors

## Tips for a Good Poster

- A good poster will make people STOP, READ, REMEMBER and TAKE ACTION.
- Read the rules/guidelines carefully and follow the directions.
- Be sure that the information that you put on the poster is correct.
- Do some research about Radon. Visit the [NH Radon Program](#) to learn more about what radon is and where it comes from.
- 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 a regular piece of paper.
- Ask adults to review your ideas and tell you what they think.
- GREEN, RED, BLUE or black letters look best on white paper.
- Use short phrases instead of long sentences.
- Do not use different colors for each word or letter. It makes it hard to read.
- Do not draw tiny or put too many drawings on your paper – Less is better!
- HAVE FUN!!

## Additional Resources

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

## Questions?

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