

2010 S.C. RADON POSTER CONTEST

The S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control in partnership with Upstate South Carolina InterNACHI is sponsoring its third statewide radon poster contest. Help spread an important public health message by entering this contest.

Radon is a colorless, odorless and tasteless gas. It is a naturally occurring, radioactive gas that forms when uranium breaks down in rocks and soil. Radon gas moves through the ground to the surface and can enter homes and buildings. There is no way to know the radon level unless it is tested. Testing for radon is important because radon is the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers.

The Contest and Prizes:

The S.C. poster contest will have three winners chosen by a judging panel.

- First place will receive a \$200 U.S. Savings Bond, \$200 cash and \$200 to the school.
- Second place will receive a \$150 U.S. Savings Bond, \$150 cash and \$150 to the school.
- Third place will receive a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond, \$100 cash and \$100 to the school.

A ceremony will honor the winners. All winners will be entered into the National Radon Poster Contest sponsored by the National Safety Council and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The winning national poster will be unveiled at an awards ceremony in Washington, D.C., in January 2010. The national winner, a parent and teacher (or sponsoring organization's representative) will win an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., to participate in the ceremony. The national winning poster will be reproduced and distributed nationally.

Eligibility:

Children ages 9-14, enrolled in a public, private, territorial, tribal, Department of Defense, home school, or through a sponsoring club (such as an art, computer, or science club, scouting organization, or 4-H Club) are eligible.

Poster Topics:

One of the following radon topics must be depicted in the artwork:

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.

Artwork Requirements:

- Artwork must be original.
- Must not have student's name on the front of the artwork.
- Posters should have a title on the front.
- The topic and title must be on the Artwork Submission Form (available at www.scdhec.gov/radon).
- Be on white paper.
- Can be created with crayon, markers, paint (watercolor, tempera, acrylic), collage, photographs or computer graphics.
- Lettering and message should be large enough to reproduce well, with all pencil markings erased.
- Copyrighted characters (such as Snoopy), product logos, trademarked or brand names cannot be used.

Judging Criteria:

- Content accuracy
- Visual communication of topic
- Reproducibility
- Originality

Entry Submission:

- Entries will not be accepted after October 15, 2009.
- Only one entry may be submitted per child.
- The Artwork Submission Form must be completed and legible, and submitted with the poster (preferably taped to the back of the poster).
- The Artwork Submission Form is available at www.scdhec.gov/radon.

The poster entry and Artwork Submission Form must be received no later than October 15, 2009. Submit all entries to: S.C. Radon Poster Contest, S.C. DHEC, 301 University Ridge, Ste. 5800, Greenville, S.C. 29601.

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