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Radon Poster Contest Kicks Off in Southwest Nebraska

Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department announces an opportunity for youth ages 9 to 14 to participate in the annual radon poster contest. The contest works to educate youth about the dangers of radon exposure in the home.

“The poster contest is a great way to teach kids about radon, which is a common health hazard in Nebraska,” states Joy Trail, Program Manager. “The kids get very creative sharing what they learn about radon on their posters.” Students can be sponsored by public, private, or home school—or through a sponsoring club, such as an art, computer, or science club, scouting organization, or 4-H club.

Artwork Requirements:

- On white paper - preferred size is 12 x 18 or 8.5 x 11 but all submission sizes will be accepted.
- Digital submissions are also accepted. This may be either digital artwork or digital photos of paper artwork.
- Can be created with crayon, markers, paint (watercolor, acrylic, etc.), collage, pencil, photographs, or computer graphics.
- Be original (please do not copy previous national, state, or local winning posters).
- Must NOT have the student’s name on the front.
- Attach a completed Artwork Submission Form to the back.
- Lettering and message should be large enough to reproduce well, with all pencil markings erased.
- Copyrighted characters (such as Disney, Marvel Comics, Nebraska Huskers, any sports teams), product logos and trademarked or brand names cannot be used.

The deadline for submitting posters to the health department is November 30th, 2021. Posters can be dropped off at the office located at 404 West 10th Street in McCook, one block north of Arby’s, or emailed to info@swhealth.ne.gov.

Prizes will be given to the top 3 posters in three age groups: 9-10, 11-12 and 13-14. Every child that participates will receive a gift and a discount on a radon test kit that their parents can use to test their home for radon.

In Nebraska, one out of every two homes tested has a high radon level. Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States and the leading cause of lung cancer in

nonsmokers. It is a colorless, odorless, and tasteless gas that enters homes and buildings through the breakdown of uranium in the soil and cannot be detected unless it is tested.

Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department serves Chase, Dundy, Frontier, Furnas, Hayes, Hitchcock, Keith, Perkins, and Red Willow counties. For more information, visit swhealth.ne.gov, call 308-345-4223 or follow them on Facebook at Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department and on Twitter at [@swpublichealth](https://twitter.com/swpublichealth).

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