

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Radon Poster Contest Kicks Off In Southwest Nebraska**

McCook – Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department is working to educate youth residing in the health district about the dangers of radon exposure. SWNPHD urges youth ages 9 to 14 to participate in the annual radon poster contest.

“We are sending a notice to all the schools within the nine county health district regarding the poster contest.” explains Myra Stoney, Health Director “We encourage all youth to participate. We have prizes for three different age categories.”

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. In Nebraska, one out of every two homes tested has a high radon level.

Artwork Must Meet the Following Requirements:

On white paper - preferred size is 12 x 18 or 8.5 x 11 but all submission sizes will be accepted  
Can be created with crayon, markers, paint (watercolor, tempera, acrylic), collage, pencil, photographs or computer graphics

Be original (please do not copy previous National, State or Local winning posters)

Must not have student's name on the front

Include a title on the front

Topic and title must be on the Artwork Submission Form

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 submission is November 30, 2017.

For more information on the radon poster contest visit [www.swhealth.ne.gov](http://www.swhealth.ne.gov) or call the McCook office at 308-345-4223. The office is located at 404 West 10<sup>th</sup> Street, one block north of Arby's. You can follow us on Facebook and Twitter. The health department serves Chase, Dundy, Hayes, Hitchcock, Frontier, Furnas, Keith, Perkins and Red Willow counties.

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