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## Student contests promote radon awareness

As part of National Radon Action Month (January), the Kane County Health Department is promoting two contests for school-aged children to raise awareness of the dangers of radon. Winners of the contests could win a cash prize and see their projects used in statewide and national radon awareness campaigns.

**Poster Contest:** Sponsored by the American Lung Association, a poster contest for students 9 to 14 is open until March 1. First place winners of the Illinois state contest will be awarded \$200 and be automatically entered in the national contest with the chance to win \$1,000. For eligibility and artwork requirements, please visit the Health Department's website at <a href="http://kanehealth.com/radon">http://kanehealth.com/radon</a> contest.htm

**Video Contest:** The American Lung Association and Illinois Emergency Management Agency, in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 5, is sponsoring a video contest for Illinois high school students. Top prize for the video is \$1,000. Creativity and originality are high encouraged as long as the one-minute video promotes radon risk awareness and home testing. Rules and guidelines are available on the Health Department's website <a href="http://kanehealth.com/radon\_contest.htm">http://kanehealth.com/radon\_contest.htm</a>

The Kane County Health Places Coalition has created a speakers bureau to offer free radon presentations to the community. <a href="mailto:CLICK HERE">CLICK HERE</a> for our online Radon Presentation Request Form. Contact Terry Roman at 630-264-7653 or at <a href="mailto:RomanTerry@co.kane.il.us">RomanTerry@co.kane.il.us</a> with questions. More information and resources about radon is available on the Health Department's website at <a href="http://kanehealth.com/radon.htm">http://kanehealth.com/radon.htm</a>

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You also can visit radon displays at your local library, which is another Coalition awareness effort this month.

The Kane County Healthy places Coalition is a group of community residents and stakeholders interested in environmental health. You can participate in the next Kane County Healthy Places Coalition Meeting from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., Jan. 30, at the Kane County Government Center, Building A, Ground Floor Auditorium, 719 S. Batavia Av. Geneva.

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