



Department of Commerce

Division of State Fire Marshal
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FIRE PREVENTION WEEK POSTER CONTEST

Fire departments throughout the state have been sent information about the program and have been encouraged to work with their local schools to help in this fire safety awareness effort.

We encourage you to contact your local fire department for assistance and guidance if you would like participate in this event. If your local fire department is unable to assist, you may still participate. Information about the contest follows:

BACKGROUND

The Division of State Fire Marshal is conducting its annual statewide poster contest. The purpose of the contest is to recognize those individuals who have demonstrated an understanding of the issues related to the fire safety education and that have an ability to visually portray that knowledge. The contest will take place during Fire Prevention Week to help emphasize fire safety issues. The contest is open to all elementary school children in Ohio. Two separate grade categories will be used: grades K – 3 and grades 4 – 6. There will be six state finalists in each grade category. The winning entries will receive a special recognition by the Division of State Fire Marshal in the late winter/early spring of 2015.

HOW TO ENTER

Fire departments are encouraged work with their local elementary schools in the initial round. The fire department (or local school officials if the fire department is not participating) selects its local winners – a maximum of **one** in each category [K-3 and 4-6] to be sent to the Division of State Fire Marshal. The State Fire Marshal will appoint a committee to review all submissions and will select six state finalists in each grade category for special recognition. (NOTE: A fire department (or school) may also recognize additional “winners” locally.)

TIMELINE

◆ In September

- Participating fire departments should meet with school officials and introduce contest.
- A copy of the Rules for Fire Safety Posters should be provided to the participating schools.
- Students can begin work on the posters.
- Information on the back of each poster should include:
 - Name of student
 - Grade and age of Student
 - Name of Fire Department with FDID number if fire department is participating
 - Name of School
 - Classroom or Teachers name
 - Address and phone number of school

To be clearly printed or label attached; entries will be disqualified for consideration if this information is not included.

◆ Fire Prevention Week (October 5-11, 2014)

- Posters are submitted to the fire department (or school officials where a fire department is not participating) for the selection of local winners.
- Fire departments and/or schools are encouraged to recognize participants locally.
- Artwork may be displayed locally to help emphasize fire safety awareness.

◆ November 1 Deadline

Fire department (or school official where a fire department is not participating) should submit, from the local finalists - **one** selection from **each** age group – **total of two posters** - to the State Fire Marshal. Please send no more than two entries.

Send to:

Fire Prevention Bureau
ATTN: Poster Contest
Division of State Fire Marshal
8895 East Main Street
Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068

The Division of State Fire Marshal will notify fire departments (or school official where a fire department is not participating) when winners are selected. This should take place in January 2015.

If you have any questions, please contact the Fire Prevention Bureau, Division of State Fire Marshal at 1-888-243-0305.

RULES FOR FIRE SAFETY POSTERS

- ◆ Posters must include a Fire Safety theme.
Posters should display **positive** behavior statements (what should be done), e.g., Child with matches – should indicate, “Give matches to an adult.” Rather than, “Don’t play with matches.”
- ◆ Posters must be on 8.5 by 11 inch paper – **larger sizes will not be considered.**
- ◆ Any colors may be used. A white or light colored background is preferred.
- ◆ Crayons, markers, pencils, etc., can be used.
- ◆ All artwork must be original. No computer generated artwork or photographs may be used. Clippings from magazines, newspapers, and books are not appropriate. No traced images are accepted.
- ◆ The poster surface should remain flat.
- ◆ All posters become the property of the Division of State Fire Marshal and **will not be returned.** (Please copy or photograph your artwork before submitting it.)
- ◆ The back of the poster MUST CLEARLY include:
 - Name of student
 - Grade and age of Student
 - Name of Fire Department with FDID number - if fire department is participating
 - Name of School
 - Classroom or Teachers name
 - Address and phone number of schoolWhen this information is not included, the entry will be disqualified for consideration.
- ◆ All posters must be completed and turned over to the fire department, if participating, by *October 3* so that winners can be chosen and presented locally during Fire Prevention Week.
- ◆ The Fire Department (or school officials where a fire department is not participating) must submit **only two** (2) winning posters to the Fire Marshal by the *November 1* deadline.
- ◆ A committee established by the Division of State Fire Marshal will judge finalist. The fire department (or school) will be notified of winners in January 2015.