

MA teen workers get hurt at almost double the rate of older workers.

Help us change the stats!

2019 MA SAFE JOBS FOR YOUTH POSTER CONTEST

Your words, your design.

One poster to promote teen safety at work!



WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

High school-aged Massachusetts teens (14-19) not enrolled in post-secondary education, are eligible to enter the contest.

Note: Teens do not need to be enrolled in high school to enter the contest.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

Be creative.

What do you picture when you think about work safety? Think of ways teen workers can make a difference or raise awareness (e.g., recognize hazards, get training, know your rights).

Develop a slogan.

In your own words, in any language, come up with a phrase or sentence about the importance of safety for young workers.
Note: Be sure to use the words "job" or "work" and "teen" or "youth" in your slogan.

Design your poster.

Merge your creative idea and your slogan together into a poster no larger than 11x17 inches.

WHY SHOULD I ENTER?

To win cash prizes: 1st place \$500, 2nd place \$300, 3rd place \$100.

To have your poster seen across the state. (Past winners were on public transportation!)

Because we want to know what you have to say about the importance of job safety.

Deadline for Submissions:

All posters and entry forms must be postmarked by Friday, December 14, 2018.

Only submit one poster per person. Mail posters to:

Cecilia Luján, Occupational Health Surveillance Program, Department of Public Health
250 Washington Street, Fourth Floor, Boston, MA 02108

Winner Announcement:

***Save the Date – March 14, 2019**

Contest winners will receive their prizes and be publicly recognized at an awards ceremony held on Thursday, March 14 in Boston, MA.

Need more info? Go to www.mass.gov/dph/ohsp/teenpostercontest for more details including tips for creating your poster.

Still have questions? E-mail teens.atwork@state.ma.us or call (617) 624-5632.

Sponsored by the Massachusetts Coalition for Occupational Safety and Health (MassCOSH) and a government agency task force, the Massachusetts Youth Employment and Safety Team (YES Team).

Massachusetts 2019 Safe Jobs for Youth Poster Contest Poster Contest Entry & Release Form

All participants in the 2019 MA Safe Jobs for Youth Poster Contest must turn in this form with their entry. Your permission allows us to use your image to spread the word about youth job safety. This form must be completed for you to receive prize money if you are selected as a contest winner.

DO NOT attach this form to your poster. Instead, **write your name and town on the back of your poster**, and include this page with your poster. Posters will not be returned to contest participants.

Please type or print clearly in blue or black ink:

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone (optional): _____

School: _____

E-mail address for receipt confirmation (optional): _____

Language of poster: _____

Note: If you used a language other than English, a translation is required with your submission.



I affirm that I am the creator of my submission and that it is an original artwork. I acknowledge that by submitting this poster it becomes the property of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and may be used in newspapers, media, presentations, informational materials including websites, and for other educational purposes; winning posters will be shared with the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) and may appear in NIOSH materials. I understand that I will not be paid for use of my poster, but will be given credit as the poster artist in all reproductions of my submission unless I request otherwise.

Please sign your name below:

Participant: _____ Date: _____
(signature)

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____
(signature required for teens under 18)

Thanks for your participation! Please make a copy of this form for your own records.

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Winners will be announced on March 14, 2019.

For full contest details go to: www.mass.gov/dph/ohsp/teenpostercontest

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Helpful Tips for Creating Your Poster

Your poster should highlight the importance of workplace safety and health for teens. We are looking for teen-specific messages to share with other youth! Below are some tips to help you get started.

1) Develop an original slogan or message. What do you picture when you think about work safety? **Start with your own idea, or build on one of the ideas below:**

- Employers are responsible for providing a safe workplace and training on how to work safely.
- The child labor laws protect workers under age 18; it's important for you to know about them.
- Young workers should know how to recognize hazards; you should speak up if you ever see something unsafe in the workplace.
- Young workers shouldn't be afraid to ask for help.
- Good supervisors and co-workers look out for the safety of everyone.
- Focus on a hazard that is common in teen workplaces, like hot surfaces (burns), slippery floors (falls), knives and other sharp tools (cuts), or heavy lifting (sprains).
- Safe jobs for youth can be promoted in any language—not just English.
- Go to www.mass.gov/youngworkers to learn more about other important job safety information.

2) When constructing your poster, **please remember:**

- **Do** use the words “teen” or “youth” AND “work” or “job” in your poster (or other synonyms).
- **Do** check your spelling and grammar! Posters with errors cannot be used.
- **Do** use any media you choose to create your poster—pen & ink, original photos, paint, collage, computer graphics, etc.
- **Do not** use copyrighted material, including cartoon characters such as the Simpsons, Spongebob, etc.

3) View full contest details and download entry forms online:

www.mass.gov/dph/ohsp/teenpostercontest

Good luck!