

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

Help us change the stats!

2020 MA SAFE JOBS FOR YOUTH POSTER CONTEST

Your words,
your design.



One poster to promote
teen safety at work!



Design by: Elizabeth Trull,
2019 Winner

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Teens ages 14-19.

All Massachusetts teens aged 14 to 19 are eligible 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

What kind of message would reach your peers? In your own words come up with a slogan about the importance of safety for young workers.

Note: Be sure to use the words "teen" or "youth" and "work" or "job" in your slogan.

Design your poster

Merge your creative idea and your slogan together into an original poster no larger than 11 x 17 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 Monday, November 25, 2019.

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 11, 2020** Contest winners will receive their prizes and be publicly recognized at an awards ceremony held on Wednesday, March 11th 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 government agency task force, the Massachusetts Youth Employment and Safety Team (YES Team) and the Massachusetts Coalition for Occupational Safety and Health (MassCOSH).

Massachusetts 2020 Safe Jobs for Youth Poster Contest

Poster Contest Entry & Release Form

All participants in the 2020 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**: (*Participant's actual mailing address is required here*)

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Participant's phone: _____ Parent's phone (optional): _____

E-mail address for receipt confirmation: _____

School/Teacher (optional): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Language of poster*: _____

*If you used a language other than English, a translation is required with your submission. Attach any extra forms to this one.

Data source (if applicable): _____



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)

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

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 11, 2020.

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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 positive, teen-specific messages as well as high-quality artwork to share with other youth! Below are some tips to help you get started.

- 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), or heavy lifting (sprains/strains)
 - Safe jobs for youth can be promoted in any language—not just English.*
- A clear message goes a long way! Visit www.mass.gov/youngworkers (feel free to include this URL in your poster) to learn more about important job safety information. Use your research to help you stay on topic.
- If you are going to use statistics on the poster, make sure to include the source in your entry form.
- When constructing your poster, **please remember all submissions must be original work.** For example, do not use artwork or slogans you found on the internet that are protected by copyright, or cartoon or video game characters such as Spongebob, or Disney characters.

Here are some more tips:

- ✓ Use the words “teen” or “youth” **and** “work” or “job” on the poster—synonyms are fine!
- ✓ Check your spelling and grammar
- ✓ Use any media you choose to create your poster—pen & ink, original photos, paint, collage, computer graphics, etc

Some of our judging criteria are:

- ✓ Doesn't “blame the worker”;
provides a balance between rights
and responsibilities
- ✓ Originality
- ✓ Quality of artwork
- ✓ Appeals to a teen audience
- ✓ Gets your attention from a distance
- ✓ Colorful
- ✓ Easy to read

View full contest details and download entry forms online:

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*A complete translation to English must be included with the entry form.