**2020 MA Safe Jobs for Youth Poster Contest**

**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](http://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: [www.mass.gov/dph/ohsp/teenpostercontest](http://www.mass.gov/dph/ohsp/teenpostercontest)