

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The Washington Poison Center is inviting your child to participate in our 19<sup>th</sup> annual Poison Prevention Poster Contest! All public, private, and homeschooled students in Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to participate. This year's theme is "Pick Your Poison."

By creating a poster, your child will:

- Increase their knowledge of household poisoning and prevention
- Increase their knowledge of how the Washington Poison Center can help them, their family, and friends
- Develop language around household poisoning prevention
- Develop awareness of and confidence in their personal role in poison prevention



- 1. Pick a poison: choose a harmful substance (like a chemical, toxic plant, or local venomous animal)
- 2. Learn about it: explore how your poison affects people and how people can stay safe
- 3. Get creative: design a unique, eye-catching poster to share what you've learned
- 4. Win a prize: winners will be celebrated in multiple age categories

## **Contest Schedule**

- Contest begins: December 16, 2024
- Submit your poster by: February 2, 2025
- Winners will be announced during National Poison Prevention Week: March 16-22, 2025

## Our winners:

- We will select the top 2 winners within 4 age groups: Kindergarten 2nd grade, 3rd 5th grade, 6th 8th grade, 9th 12th grade
- Our younger winners (Kindergarten 8th grade) will receive a variety of prizes, including gift cards to local businesses and a class party (with a visit from the one and only Mr. Yuk!)
- Our high school winners will receive an iPad and a visit with their local legislators
- All of our winners will be recognized in a Washington Poison Center press release, newsletter, and on our social media platforms!



## Scan the QR code or <u>click here</u> to:

- View contest rules and submission information
- Access poison safety resources and information
- Access fun, interactive activities on Mr. Yuk and poison safety

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