

# South Texas Poison Center Poison Prevention Week Poster Contest Guideline Information Sheet

## Guidelines

1. The contest is open to 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade elementary school students.
2. The purpose of the contest is to identify a poster that can be used to educate the public about ways to prevent accidental poisonings in the home.
3. The theme of the poster contest is ***Children Act Fast, So Do Poisons***. Entries should illustrate a message that communicates that poisonings can happen to people of any age including children, adults and the elderly. For more information and ideas, go to [www.texaspoison.com](http://www.texaspoison.com) for poison safety resources and fast facts.
4. Entries should not include any state or regional logos or symbols. Trademark symbols or characters (e.g. Snoopy) are also prohibited.
5. There are no size requirements for submission; but 11x14 usually works best. Entries can be horizontal or vertical.
6. The original art must be submitted. Copies will not be accepted.
7. Student entry form must be taped or glued to the back of the poster.
8. The deadline for entry is February 26, 2010 by 5:00p.m.

## Judging Criteria:

- 25% **Originality**- Keep message simple
- 25% **Design**- do not use product brand names, no computer generated pictures, do not use magazine or newspaper cutouts
- 25% **Neatness**- Be sure spelling is correct
- 25% **Poison Prevention Message**

## QUESTIONS:



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