



Re: **Poison Prevention Poster Contest**

Dear Parents:

As a parent of a 3rd or 4th grade student in South Texas, we would like to invite your child to participate in this year's South Texas Poison Center Poster Contest in celebration of National Poison Prevention Week, March 14-20, 2010. The goal of this contest is to let students and parents know that when a poison emergency happens they should call 1-800-222-1222. By knowing the phone number and knowing when to call you can be ready when a poison emergency happens.

While this poster contest is used to help the community learn about their local poison center, the poster contest also offers students the opportunity to win exciting prizes.

Each entry will compete at a regional level for the following prizes:

- 1st Place= 22" Flat Panel LCD HDTV
- 2nd Place = IPod-Nano
- 3rd Place = Blu-Ray DVD Player
- 4th Place = IPod-Shuffle

Posters must have only one poison prevention message and the student entry form must be taped or glued to the back of each poster. All posters must be the individual work of the student. Posters will be judged on creativity, originality, artwork, design and the poison prevention message: **"Children Act Fast.....So Do Poisons!"** Please review attached guidelines for detailed instructions.

Posters should be turned in to your school nurse as soon as possible so that your child's poster can be submitted to the South Texas Poison Center no later than February 26, 2010. The four winning posters will be sent to Washington, D.C. to participate in the national competition with the winner being selected as the National Poison Prevention Week Poster for the following year. This is a very exciting opportunity and if chosen as the national poster, the student and his or her poster receive a lot of national recognition.

If you have any questions please contact your school nurse or you can also call the South Texas Poison Center at the following offices: Harlingen: 956-365-8706, e-mail barrerav@uthscsa.edu or San Antonio 210-567-5762, e-mail jimenezc@uthscsa.edu. To download materials visit our website www.texaspoison.com which has additional poster contest information.

Thank you for helping us save lives in the community!

Sincerely,
South Texas Poison Center Education Department