

## Safe Jobs for Youth Month, 2015 Poster Contest

### Contest Rules and Helpful Tips for Constructing YOUR Poster

- ❖ The purpose of the poster is to highlight the importance of job safety and health for teens.
- ❖ The poster gets printed and distributed to all high schools in California so we are looking for high quality art work in addition to on-topic messages.
- ❖ **Educate yourself first about the topic.** For example, there are special laws that protect teens. Go to our website at [www.youngworkers.org](http://www.youngworkers.org) and click on *Learn / Teen Workers* to make sure you know what your rights are at work. The Factsheet has the information you will need. A little research will ensure you are 'on topic'.
- ❖ Develop a slogan or message, using your own words.
- ❖ Choose from any of these ideas to build on -
  - Teen workers need to know how to recognize hazards, and should speak up when they see something wrong.
  - Employers are responsible for providing a safe workplace and training on how to stay safe at work.
  - If you don't know how to do the job, ask for help. Make sure you know how to do your work safely.
  - Good co-workers look out for each other.
- ❖ **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 Zelda, Bugs Bunny, Spongebob, or Disney characters.

- ❖ We're looking for *positive* messages to share with other teens! Some of our judging criteria are:
  - Originality
  - Quality of artwork
  - Appeals to a teen audience
  - Gets your attention from a distance
  - Colorful
  - Easy to read
  - Doesn't "blame the worker" - provides a balance between rights and responsibilities.
  
- ❖ Other tips for a good poster:
  - Make sure your words are large enough and can be read clearly
  - Don't write in pencil
  - Use color
  
- ❖ Visit the archives on our website to view previous years' winners.
  
- ❖ Posters must be no larger than 20"x 15".
  
- ❖ All posters submitted to the contest must be accompanied by a completed Registration Form. *\*Do Not\** attach the Registration form to the poster. Write your name and city of residence on the back of your poster.
  
- ❖ Download the registration form at: [www.youngworkers.org](http://www.youngworkers.org)