

Design the Official Poster for our NYCOSH 2008 YouthSAFE Program, and win \$\$\$

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: April 4, 2008

Too many young workers are getting hurt on the job. Every year, more than 200,000 workers under 18 years of age are injured at work, and many of these injuries are serious ones.

Every young worker needs to know that they have the right to a safe and healthful workplace. As part of the New York Committee for Occupational Safety and Health's (NYCOSH) and the New York State United Teachers' (NYSUT) awareness campaign to educate young workers about their rights and safety on the job, you are invited to submit artwork and designs for a poster contest. The winning design will be distributed throughout New York State as NYCOSH's official YouthSAFE poster for 2008.

Who is eligible to submit art?

All youth, ages 14-19, who live in New York State.

What do you have to do?

Develop a slogan or message, using your own words, to explain how employers and teens can keep workplaces safe. Then, design a colorful poster that communicates your message to employers and young workers. Your poster must be no larger than 11½" x 15". Print your name, address, birth date and telephone number on the back of the poster. Note: Spelling counts! Posters with misspelled words will be ruled ineligible for prize monies.

Print and fill out the Contest Release Form below, and mail it in with your entry. Deadline is April 4, 2008.

Go to http://www.nycosh.org/young_workers/youth-contest.html for a copy of this information, young worker factsheets, a copy of the poster contest release form (all entries must include a signed release form), as well as for a copy of our Poster Contest flyer that you can distribute.

Hand-deliver or mail your entry by April 4, 2008 to:
NYCOSH YouthSAFE Poster Contest
116 John Street, Suite 604
New York, NY 10038

For more information, contact:
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Who sponsors the YouthSAFE Poster Contest?

The contest is sponsored by the New York Committee for Occupational Safety and Health, a non-profit coalition of 200 local unions and more than 400 individual workers and other health and safety activists as well as professionals—all dedicated to the right of every worker to a safe and healthful workplace.

The contest is also sponsored by the New York State United Teachers. NYSUT, the largest union in New York State, represents more than 525,000 classroom teachers and other school employees and retirees; academic and professional faculty at the state's community colleges, State University of New York and City University of New York; and other education and health professionals. NYSUT is affiliated with the American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO.

To ensure that your/your students' posters have been received, please call or e-mail NYCOSH a week after you have mailed your entries to confirm their receipt.

What are the prizes?

The top poster winners will win prize money and be featured at this website:

http://www.nycosh.org/young_workers/youth-contest.html

First prize: **\$400**

Teacher of first prize winner: **\$100**

Second prize: **\$300**

Third prize: **\$200**

Fourth prize: **\$100**

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Information that may help you:

Teens work in various industries including restaurants, retail establishments, and farms. Types of hazards include slippery floors, hot grease, violence, heavy or awkward lifting, dangerous machinery, pesticides, and unsafe ladders. Teens have a right to safety training and other protections on the job.

Develop a slogan or message, using your own words. **Go to the http://www.nycosh.org/young_workers/youth-contest.html to make sure you know young workers' rights on the job, and for more ideas.** Or choose from one of these ideas to build on:

- ☆ There are many special laws that protect teens—make sure you know your rights on the job.
- ☆ Teen workers need to know how to recognize hazards, and speak up and join forces with co-workers when they see something wrong.
- ☆ Employers are responsible for providing a safe workplace and training on how to stay safe at work.
- ☆ Young workers can use the strength of the union to pressure employers to provide safe workplaces.
- ☆ 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.
- ☆ Focus on a particular hazard, such as one of the hazards common to teen work places, including slippery floors, hot grease and surfaces, knives, box-cutters, or other sharp tools, heavy or awkward lifting, dangerous machinery, pesticides, and unsafe ladders.
- ☆ Because of copyright law, do not use cartoon characters such as the Power Puff Girls or Johnny Bravo.
- ☆ Spelling and grammar count! Posters with errors will not be eligible for prize monies.

