

National Poison Prevention Week Washington State Poster Contest

National Poison Prevention Week, the third week of March each year, is a week nationally designated to bring attention to the dangers of poisonings and how to prevent them. To celebrate this week in Washington and highlight the role of the poison centers as a free resource for all people, the Washington Poison Center hosts a statewide poster contest to engage children in helping communicate messages of poison safety to other children and adults. **The contest is open to children in grades 1-5 living anywhere in Washington State.**

Contest Theme

The contest has no specific theme, but artwork should highlight the role of Mr. Yuk as an icon of poison prevention. Entries that demonstrate the full range of potential poisons (medications and plants in addition to household and cosmetic products) are highly encouraged. Artwork is welcome to build on any past themes such as *Mr. Yuk Keeps Me Safe*, *Mr. Yuk to the Rescue*, or *Is It Time to Call Mr. Yuk?*

Rules

- One entry/child. Team submissions will not be judged.
- 8.5x11 in size, can be horizontal or vertical
- Markers are very strongly preferred. No computer-generated pictures or stickers on your poster. You may use mixed media and create unique cut-outs.
- Do NOT use holiday themes
- Please list the following *in pencil* on the BACK of the artwork
 - Name
 - Grade & Age
- Artist must be in 1st-5th grade for 2017-2018 school year
- **Post marked by January 3, 2018 with an ENTRY FORM.**
 - Individuals/Parents: please provide one entry form/child
 - Teachers/Classroom Sponsors: you may provide a document on behalf of your class

Prizes

One student's work will be selected as the grand prize and be transformed into Washington Poison Center's Annual Poison Prevention Week poster. This winner will also receive a cash prize, the opportunity to meet with Mr. Yuk, and travel to the Washington State Capitol during Poison Prevention Week to promote poison safety. The Winner will be announced in early March 2018.

Mail by January 3, 2018
Washington Poison Center
Attn: Poster Contest
155 NE 100th St, #100
Seattle, WA 98125

Sponsored by:



Last year's winner:
Jason Ho, Age 11
Des Moines, WA

Questions? Contact education@wapc.org or call 206-517-2380

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Suggestions

- Use Markers. Less is more. Simple messages and pictures make better posters.
- Use bright and bold colors.
- Check your spelling! Words often misspelled include: Mr. Yuk, poison, hotline, medicine

Teacher/Educator Resources



Creating posters is a great way to finish out a lesson on poison safety in the classroom. The [“For Educators”](#) section of the Washington Poison Center has downloadable classroom activity guides.

Our YukBox program helps facilitate these activities by allowing community members to check-out a box of presentation materials that includes items to demonstrate poison look-a-like products and the similarities between medication and candy. There are currently 21 check-out locations throughout the state. To view these locations and request a check out, visit [Request a YukBox](#) on our website.

Through our [online order form](#) you can also request materials like Mr. Yuk stickers and magnets to be sent to your classroom. These materials are made available at low-cost or even FREE for educators.

More examples of past winners

