

# SMOKE ALARMS

Make Them WORK For You!™



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HAI Group promotes the importance of fire safety to young residents through our annual Fire Safety Poster Contest, held in conjunction with the Fire Prevention Week campaign developed by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). This year, Fire Prevention Week is October 6-12.

This year's Fire Prevention Week theme—*Smoke Alarms: Make Them Work for You!*—is meant to emphasize the critical steps residents can take to ensure their smoke alarms are functional and effective.

Encourage young residents to talk with their families about the steps they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe by maintaining working smoke alarms. According to NFPA, having working smoke alarms in the home reduces the risk of dying in a home fire by more than half. However, roughly three out of five fire deaths occur in homes with either no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. HAI Group invites young residents to create posters about this year's theme, using these key messages as inspiration:

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area, and on each level of the home, including the basement.
- Ensure smoke alarms are hardwired or use a 10-year sealed, nonreplaceable battery type\*.
- Verify that smoke alarms meet the needs of all family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or don't respond when tested.

**To participate with us, return the attached registration form no later than Friday, September 13, 2024.**

For more information on Fire Prevention Week 2024, visit <https://www.nfpa.org/fpw>.

Help your young residents showcase their artistic talents and win prizes by encouraging them to create posters centered around this year's Fire Prevention Week theme: ***Smoke Alarms: Make Them Work for You!*** HAI Group members will be reimbursed for the prize money you award to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. To be eligible for reimbursement you must:

**1. Email or fax the attached registration form** no later than Friday, September 13, 2024.

**2. Use the theme established by the NFPA** and conduct the poster contest during National Fire Prevention Week 2024 (October 6-12). All posters must be original.

- Participants may use the following: markers, paints, crayons, and colored pencils.
- No stenciling or tracing is allowed.
- Standard-size poster board/paper (22"x28"), if available, should be used.

**3. Establish three age groups\*: 6-9, 10-14, and 15-18**

\*You may establish different age groups (maximum of three) to ensure equal participation among resident children. Please document changes with a letter or e-mail to HAI Group.

**4. Establish three prize categories for each of the three age groups:**

1st place: \$50 (maximum) / 2nd place: \$30 (maximum) / 3rd place: \$20 (maximum)

- Total amount of prize money per agency is \$300. One individual cannot receive more than \$50.
- Only three winners are allowed per age group (NO TIES.) \$100 limit per age group.

**5. Submit the names and addresses of the winners** from each prize category and age group and a listing of all participants to HAI Group. All participants will receive a certificate from HAI Group recognizing their achievement.

**6. Winners must be photographed next to their poster.** All photos (not posters) must be submitted to HAI Group before we will reimburse your agency for the prize money. Email a list of winners and photos to Debbie Seidel at [dseidel@haigroup.com](mailto:dseidel@haigroup.com) or mail this information to:

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By participating in this program, you agree to allow HAI Group to publish the submitted photographs. From time-to-time, we use the photographs in publications or on our website. If you do not wish us to use such materials, e-mail Debbie Seidel at [dseidel@haigroup.com](mailto:dseidel@haigroup.com) and indicate that you do not want Fire Safety Poster Contest photographs used in any HAI Group media or publications.

**IMPORTANT: Photos must be postmarked by November 1, 2024.**

# 2024 Fire Safety Poster Contest Registration Form



## National Fire Prevention Week is October 6-12.

Yes! We will participate in HAI Group's 2024 Fire Safety Poster Contest.

All contest entries must be postmarked no later than November 1, 2024.

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Contact name/Title

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E-mail address

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Agency

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Street address

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City/State/Zip code

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Phone number

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Fax number

This form is fillable and can be submitted by e-mail, or printed out and sent by regular mail or fax. E-mail: [dseidel@haigroup.com](mailto:dseidel@haigroup.com)

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