

Fire Safety Tips Calendar Poster Contest

2008 Fire Prevention Week

October 5 – 11

The Georgia Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner and the Georgia Fire Sprinkler Association's **Statewide Fire Safety Tips Calendar Poster Contest** is an opportunity for Georgia students in **grades K through 5** to learn about and contribute to fire safety through an art project.

Poster Criteria

- Posters **must** be size 17x11 (landscape). Any type of paper or poster board may be used. Each student must do his or her own artwork.
- The entry form **must** be affixed to the back of each poster to avoid disqualification. Entry forms may be obtained at www.gainsurance.org.
- Poster entries emphasizing one or more of the **fire safety tips** will be considered for artwork in the 2009 Fire Safety Tips Calendar. To view the calendar, go to www.georgiafiresprinkler.org/calendars.php. The poster may also be considered for the Statewide Poster Contest if it reflects the NFPA theme as well. The theme for this year's Fire Prevention Week is **"IT'S FIRE PREVENTION WEEK: PREVENT HOME FIRES."**
- The fire safety tips are:
 - Cover: 2009 Fire Safety Tips Calendar (the 2008 NFPA theme "It's Fire Prevention Week: Prevent Home Fires," will be the tip on the cover)
 - Safety Tip #1 – January: *"Give space heaters some space. Things placed too close to space heaters can catch on fire."*
 - Safety Tip #2 – February: *"Firefighters are your friends. Never hide inside. Always go outside when there is a fire."*
 - Safety Tip #3 – March: *"Matches and lighters are tools, not toys! If you find a match or lighter, tell an adult."*
 - Safety Tip #4 – April: *"Have smoke alarms in your home to protect you and your family. Have a smoke alarm for each floor in your home."*
 - Safety Tip #5 – May: *"If your clothes catch fire, stop where you are, drop to the ground and cover your face, and roll!"*
 - Safety Tip #6 – June: *"Remember: In case of fire in your home, always go to a neighbor's house to call 911."*
 - Safety Tip #7 – July: *"If there is smoke in your house, crawl low under the smoke and get out and stay out!"*
 - Safety Tip #8 – August: *"Home fire sprinklers control and extinguish fires in your home, giving you more time to escape."*
 - Safety Tip #9 – September: *"Have a meeting place outside your home that the whole family knows about. Once outside, never go back inside!"*
 - Safety Tip #10 – October: *"When cooking, turn handles toward the rear of the stove. Grease fires can quickly get out of control. If you have a grease fire, cover the pan with a lid to smother the fire."*
 - Safety Tip #11 – November: *"Draw a fire escape plan for your home and practice it with the whole family. Make sure you have two ways out of every room."*
 - Safety Tip #12 – December: *"Keep your holidays happy, turn holiday lights off before going to bed."*
- First place calendar poster contest winners will receive an assortment of prizes, a certificate and a first-place ribbon.

Selection Process

- Each school is asked to send **up to three posters from each class**, grades K through 5, to the State Fire Marshal's Office. Artwork must be received **no later than 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 24, 2008. Late arrivals will not be accepted.** Statewide winners will be selected by a committee established by the Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner's Office with the assistance of the State Fire Marshal's Office and the Georgia Fire Sprinkler Association.
- The winners of the Statewide Fire Safety Tips Calendar Poster Contest will be recognized during the Awards Luncheon at the **Georgia Railroad Freight Depot from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 23.** The 13 winners from grades K through 5 and one family member each will be our complimentary guests at the awards luncheon. Other family members and friends are welcome to attend at their own expense. The luncheon cost is \$30.00 per adult and \$15.00 per child ages 10 and under.