

2026 Playground Safety Poster Contest

Poster Contest Rules

1. The contest is open to all elementary students in grades Kindergarten through 5th grade residing in the state of Georgia. Posters may be received from public and private schools, home schools, and recreation centers.
Posters will be judged in the following grade categories:
 - Group 1 = K and 1st grades
 - Group 2 = 2nd and 3rd grades
 - Group 3 = 4th and 5th grades
2. The poster theme must be related to playground safety in a positive approach and include the words **Playground Safety** in the design and be the original concept of the student.
3. Posters should not contain likenesses of copyrighted, trademarked, syndicated, or clip art images. Any poster containing such image(s) cannot be selected as the winner of a prized category or be included in the Playground Safety Calendar.
4. Entries must be done in marker, crayon, watercolor, ink, acrylic, colored pencil or tempura paint. Computer generated art or computer-generated printing is not acceptable.
5. Posters **must** be submitted only on 11x14 poster board in landscape orientation.
6. On the back of each poster, attach a completed entry form in the upper right corner. Please legibly print in ink or type on the entry form. The entry form can be found on Safe At Play's website at www.safeatplay.org/playgroundsafetycontest.
7. Entries should not be matted, mounted, laminated, framed, folded or rolled.
8. Posters must be the work of the student. Parents and teachers may provide consultation and guidance, but all drawing, lettering and preparation must be the work of the student.
9. Judging:
 - a. Each participating school or recreation center should establish a panel of judges for local selection of the 1st place winner for each of the three categories.
 - b. ONLY the 1st place poster from each grade category is to be mailed to Safe At Play, P.O. Box 116, Porterdale, GA 30070, for inclusion in the final statewide competition. Posters must be received or postmarked no later than the close of business March 13, 2026 to be eligible for consideration.
 - c. The state panel of judges will consist of three Safe at Play board members.
 - d. Posters submitted for inclusion in the statewide competition will not be returned. All entries become property of the contest and may be subject to modification for reproduction.
 - e. Posters are judged based upon several elements including artistic talent displayed, overall theme, relevance to playground safety, and reproducibility of the poster into the calendar.
10. Winning posters will be announced no later than Sunday, April 12, 2026.
11. Winners of the statewide competition will receive the following Amazon e-gift card prize:
 - \$100 for the overall winner
 - \$50 for the 1st place winner in each age category
 - \$25 for the 2nd place winner in each age category
 - \$10 for the 3rd place winner in each age category
12. Winners will also receive a SAP t-shirt. A ten-dollar (\$10) Amazon e-gift card will also be awarded to each winning teacher/sponsor.
13. Contest rules and prizes may be changed and/or updated at any time.
All issued prizes are provided by donors and sponsors of Safe At Play events.

Contact Information

For further information contact Safe At Play, 678-743-5303 or info@safeatplay.org.

Our Board of Directors has authorized the production of one hundred copies of this publication for public sale.
The purpose of the calendar is to increase awareness of playground safety in memory of Andrea Tyrah DeBruhl (4/12/10 – 2/1/16).



Poster Contest Dates

Friday, March 13, 2026

Poster submission deadline to Safe At Play

Sunday, April 12, 2026

Poster Contest Winners Announced

April 20 – April 24, 2026

National Playground Safety Week
Award Distribution Week to Contest Winners