



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 5–11.

This year's Fire Prevention Week theme—*Charge into Fire Safety™: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home*—focuses on educating residents about the safe use of lithium-ion batteries. These batteries power everyday items like phones, laptops, e-bikes, and scooters, but they can pose a fire risk if not handled properly.

Encourage young residents to talk with their families about the steps they can take to use lithium-ion batteries safely.

According to NFPA, safety starts with understanding how to buy, charge, and recycle these batteries responsibly.

HAI Group invites young residents to create posters about this year's theme, using these key messages as inspiration:

- **Buy** devices and batteries with a safety certification mark (such as UL, ETL, or CSA) to ensure they meet key safety standards.
- **Charge** devices safely. Always use the charger and cable that came with the product and follow the manufacturer's instructions. Avoid charging on soft surfaces like beds or couches.
- **Unplug** devices or remove the battery once fully charged to prevent overheating or overcharging.
- **Stop using** the device immediately if the battery smells strange, feels too hot, changes shape or color, or makes popping noises. If safe, move it away from anything that can catch fire and call 911.
- **Recycle** batteries and devices at proper battery recycling locations—never toss them in the trash or regular recycling bins.

To participate with us, return the attached registration form no later than Friday, September 12, 2025.

For more information on Fire Prevention Week 2025, visit <https://www.nfpa.org/fpw>.

2025 Fire Safety Poster Contest Guidelines



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: ***Charge into Fire Safety™: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home!*** 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 12, 2025.

2. Use the theme established by the NFPA and conduct the poster contest during National Fire Prevention Week 2025 (October 5–11). All posters must be original.

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

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 email 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)

- The 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.) There is a \$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 or mail this information to:

Debbie Seidel
HAI Group
189 Commerce Court
PO BOX 189 Cheshire, CT 06410

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, email Debbie Seidel at 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 October 31, 2025.

2025 Fire Safety Poster Contest Registration Form



National Fire Prevention Week is October 5–11.

Yes! We will participate in HAI Group's 2025 Fire Safety Poster Contest.

All contest entries must be postmarked no later than October 31, 2025.

Contact name/Title

Email address

Agency

Street address

City/State/Zip code

Phone number

Fax number

This form is fillable and can be submitted by email, or printed out and sent by regular mail or fax.

Email:

dseidel@haigroup.com

Mail to:

Attention: Debbie Seidel

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