



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 4–10.

This year's Fire Prevention Week theme, *Safe Charging Is a Superpower*, focuses on the everyday charging habits that can help reduce the risk of lithium-ion battery fires and keep homes and communities safer.

Encourage young residents to talk with their families about simple charging habits that can help prevent fires. According to the NFPA, small actions can make a big difference when charging phones, laptops, tablets, e-bikes, scooters, power tools, toys, and other devices powered by lithium-ion batteries. HAI Group invites young residents to create posters inspired by this year's theme using these key messages:

- **Always** use the charger that comes with the device or one approved by the manufacturer.
- **Charge** devices on a hard, flat surface, and never on a bed, couch, pillow, or other soft surface where heat can build up.
- **Unplug** devices after they are fully charged to help prevent overheating.
- **Stop using** a device if the battery becomes damaged, overheats, changes shape, gives off an unusual odor, or makes unexpected sounds.
- **Keep charging areas clear** of anything that can burn.
- Plug in. Power up. **Stay safe.**

To participate with us, return the attached registration form no later than **Friday, September 11, 2026**. For more information about Fire Prevention Week 2026, visit <https://www.nfpa.org/fpw>.

2026 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: ***Safe Charging Is a Superpower!*** 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 11, 2026.
2. **Use the theme established by the NFPA** and conduct the poster contest during National Fire Prevention Week 2026 (October 4-10). 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 30, 2026.

2026 Fire Safety Poster Contest Registration Form



National Fire Prevention Week is October 4–10.

Yes! We will participate in HAI Group's 2026 Fire Safety Poster Contest. All contest entries must be postmarked no later than October 30, 2026.

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:

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