

**LIFE SAVING
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Dear Teacher and Administrator:

The largest and most successful community-school programs conducted in the State of Delaware is the School Poster and Essay Contest sponsored each year by the firefighters in your community.

We, the firefighters in Delaware, wish to request your assistance by encouraging your students to participate in this worthwhile fire prevention program, either in school or at home. Extra copies can be obtained by going to the "DVFASSN.com" web site.

Prizes, awards and recognition are given to each Poster and Essay Winner. A major benefit of the program is the research done by all of the students on fire prevention and fire safety. We, in the fire service, feel that each child that participates in the program will become more knowledgeable about fire prevention and fire safety through their research efforts.

The firefighters in your community will be most appreciative to you for your assistance in making our Poster and Essay Contest a success. If you have any questions please contact any one of the committee members listed on our committee sheet. Again, thank you.

Please apply the cut, copy & tape box at the bottom of the topic sheet (page 3) on the back of each entry.

Very truly yours,
2025 Life Safety Committee



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FIRE PREVENTION COMMITTEE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 2025

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| The Month of September: | Fire prevention materials will be delivered to every school in the State of Delaware with students in grades kindergarten through eight. |
| October 5-11: | FIRE PREVENTION WEEK |
| October 17: | All essays and posters, from all schools, must be to the local fire station. |
| November 7: | Local fire company have your first place winners to the County Chairman with student information sheets. |
| November 21: | County Chairman have your first place essay and poster winners to State Chairman. |
| December 14 @ 9:00am: | The Fire Prevention Committee will meet at the Delaware State Fire Service Center to pick state winners. Please, County Chairman, have names, parents' names and addresses, school attended, and fire district information on each winner. |
| January 4, 2026 2pm at Cheswold Fire Co.: | State winners will be presented their awards at an Awards Program. Also involved will be the winners' families, school officials and teachers, fire service officers and personnel, political dignitaries and other guests. |



POSTER AND ESSAY TOPIC SHEET

The following is a list of topics for the Delaware Volunteer Firefighter's Association Fire Prevention Poster and Essay Contest held every year during Fire Prevention Week

POSTER TOPICS

GRADE K: Identify Three Things In The Home That Will Burn You

GRADE 1: What Would You Do If Your Clothes Catch On Fire

GRADE 2: Identify up to Three Outdoor Fire Hazards

GRADE 3: Develop A Home Fire Escape Plan

ESSAY TOPICS

GRADE 4: Dangers Of Matches, Lighters And Smoking Material

GRADE 5: Fire Safety In The Kitchen

GRADE 6: Know How To Escape A Fire In A Building Other Than Your Home

GRADE 7: My Responsibilities In The Event Of A Fire Where I Am Caring For Others

GRADE 8: Identify Electrical Hazards In Your Bedroom

SPECIAL TOPICS: "Dangers Of Matches, Lighters And Smoking Material"

CLIP, COPY & ATTACH TO BACK OF EACH ENTRY

STUDENT'S I.D. _____

STUDENT GRADE _____

SCHOOL NAME _____

SCHOOL PHONE _____

TEACHER NAME _____



POSTER RULES

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OCTOBER 5 - OCTOBER 11, 2025

1. Students Eligible:
Kindergarten
First grade
Second grade
Third grade
2. Draw on a single sheet of drawing paper, not to exceed **12"x18"**.
3. Poster may be either crayon, ink, water colors, pastels or pencil.
4. All work must be the work of the student.
5. Poster will be judged on originality, neatness and general composition pertaining to the theme.
6. Teachers will assign each student a code number with 4 or more letters or numbers. Omit names from poster. Retain this information until December 1. Names are to conform with the assigned numbers or letters. (This is done to allow judging of posters on merit.)
7. Schools or teachers shall have each student place the following information on the **back** of the posters:
Student's I.D.
Grade
Room or Class No.
School Name
Teacher's Name
School's Telephone No.
Failure to place this information on back of poster may eliminate entry from competition.
8. Teachers **may select** the best three posters from each class. The best three and all other entries must be sent to local fire department. The best three from each class are to be submitted under separate cover from the balance of the other entries. They, in turn, will be judged by the local fire company and then the first place selection from each grade will be submitted to the County Committee for competition. First place winners of County competition will then compete in State awards. (If teacher cannot find time to judge posters, all posters may be sent to local Fire Department for judging.)
9. All posters must be in the hands of the local Fire Department before October 17, 2025.
10. Entries submitted after due date may be eliminated from competition.
11. All Rules strictly enforced.

NOTE: ALL ENTRIES DUE TO LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT BEFORE OCTOBER 17, 2025.

Please Print Clearly



ESSAY RULES

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OCTOBER 5 - OCTOBER 11, 2025

1. Students Eligible:
 - Fourth grade
 - Fifth grade
 - Sixth grade
 - Seventh grade
 - Eighth grade
2. Use one side of paper only, not to exceed **8 1/2"x11"**.
3. Essays not to exceed 300 words. Essays exceeding 300 words will be eliminated from competition. (Excluding title)
4. Essay will be judged by neatness, spelling and keeping within the subject.
5. Listing of fire prevention points will not be considered in essay.
6. Teachers will assign each student a code number with 4 or more letters or numbers. Omit names from essay. Retain this information until December 1. Names are to conform with the assigned numbers or letters. (This is done to allow judging of essays on merit.)
7. Schools or teachers shall have each student place the following information on the **back** of the last page only:
 - Student's I.D.
 - Grade
 - Room or Class No.
 - School Name
 - Teacher's Name
 - School's Telephone No.**Failure to place this information on back of essay's last page may eliminate entry from competition.**
8. Teachers **may select** the best three essays from each class. The best three and all other entries must be sent to local fire department. The best three from each class are to be submitted under separate cover from the balance of the other entries. They, in turn, will be judged by the local fire company and then the first place selection from each grade will be submitted to the County Committee for competition. First place winners of County competition will then compete in State awards. (If teacher cannot find time to judge essays, all essays may be sent to local Fire Department for judging.)
9. All essays must be in the hands of the local Fire Department before October 17, 2025.
10. Entries submitted after due date may be eliminated from competition.
11. All Rules strictly enforced.

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**FIRE PREVENTION ESSAY AND POSTER RULES
SPECIAL SCHOOLS & STUDENTS
FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OCTOBER 5 - OCTOBER 11, 2025**

1. Eligibility: special students are eligible to enter contest.
All special education and special school students are eligible to enter contest.
2. Students may submit to their teacher both Essay and/or Poster. The teacher will then select the best of either the Essay or Poster of each student, then submit to the local Fire Department only one entry from each student.
3. Authorized personnel of school may take dictation of Essays from any physically disabled child. Teacher then may type or write dictation of Essay on plain paper and submit entry for judging with student's code and information on back of last page.
4. Write Essays on only one side of paper, not to exceed **8 1/2"x11"**. Essays not to exceed 200 words. (Excluding title)
5. Poster to be drawn on a single sheet of paper or drawing paper, not to exceed **12"x18"** in size. Ink, crayon, water colors or pencils may be used.
6. Judging of Essays and Posters will be in keeping within the "Subject of the Theme".
7. **Theme** for Essay and Poster Contest: **"Dangers Of Matches, Lighters And Smoking Material"**
8. Teachers, please assign each child a code number with 4 or more letters or numbers. Omit names from submitted material and retain until December 13. Names are to conform with the assigned numbers or letters. (This is done to allow judging on merit.)
9. Student or Teacher, please place on **back** of last page of either Essay or Poster the following information:
Student's I.D.
Grade
Room or Class No.
School Name
School's Telephone No.
Failure to place this information on back of last page of Essay or Poster may eliminate entry from competition.
10. Send all entries to your local Fire Department before October 17, 2025. Essays and Posters will be judged by local Fire Departments. First place winners will be submitted to County Committee. If entry is selected, school and student will be contacted by a member of the County Committee for further information.

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STUDENT INFORMATION SHEET FIRE PREVENTION POSTER & ESSAY

PLEASE PRINT AND FILL OUT COMPLETELY

NOTE: This information sheet **must be attached** to 1st place entries submitted to county level for judging.

STUDENT'S I.D. _____

LOCAL FIRE
DEPT. CODE _____

COUNTY CODE _____

STATE CODE _____

STUDENT'S NAME _____ GRADE _____

ADDRESS STREET _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

PARENT'S OR GUARDIAN'S NAME _____

EMAIL _____ CELL # _____

HOME TELEPHONE _____ WORK TELEPHONE _____

SCHOOL ATTENDING _____ TELEPHONE _____

SCHOOL EMAIL _____

TEACHER'S FULL NAME _____ E-MAIL _____

PRINCIPAL'S FULL NAME _____

FIRE TERRITORY _____

(Circle One)

ESSAY

POSTER

NOTE: Student's name as spelled and printed above will appear on engraving of awards. Correct Spelling Is Important.

Please
Circle One --

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