



We need your STUDENT ARTISTS for the 2021 Robert Howe Fire Safety Calendar

We need your help to assist students in creating fire safety messages this year by participating in the 30th annual Robert Howe Calendar Program organized by the Vermont Department of Public Safety, Division of Fire Safety. The distributed calendars will send fire safety messages and reminders to thousands of homes across the State of Vermont and provides a focused learning experience when the children create fire safety posters for the calendar. **We know this is not your average start of the school year and each school is facing a multitude of challenges, if your school typically participates in the program and will not be able to participate this year, please notify us as soon as possible. Thanks, as always, to your commitment to Fire Safety Education!**

Once the Division receives the artwork from all the schools, a team of judges then selects 12 posters based on each month's designated fire safety message and one poster for the cover to be included in the 30th Annual 2021 Calendar. Once printed, thousands of calendars are then delivered to schools throughout the State of Vermont. The Fire Safety Calendar Program and its integrated messages typically goes hand and hand with many local fire safety programs.

Fire Prevention Week is October 4th through October 10th, 2020. The focus of Fire Prevention Week is to make fire safety a part of daily life throughout the year and the calendar helps coordinate fire prevention topics for each month. Schools and Home-Schooled students can work on the posters before or after fire prevention week, depending on the individual teacher's schedule. The finished posters must be mailed to the Central Office or dropped off at one of the Division's Regional Offices by October 23, 2020. The poster contest is open to **all third grade students**.

Educators have advised that third grade students are at a good point in their development to understand and promote the issues regarding fire safety. Poster topics should be selected from the themes listed below. Art teachers recommend that big, bold, designs and messages show up the best and attract the interest of the students.

For additional information on the *Robert Howe Fire Safety Calendar* Program, or to get involved in supporting the program as a sponsor, contact the Division of Fire Safety, Berlin Office, at 1-800-640-2106 or on our website at firesafety.vermont.gov. If your school has participated in the past; we look forward to seeing all the new artwork. If your school is new to this program and you need some additional information or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We have a team of enthusiastic staff ready to answer your questions and help in any way we can. Thank you for your help with this important program.



Fire Prevention Topics

- **Cover** – Various Fire Safety Topics – Be Creative
- **January** – How and When to Call 9-1-1
- **February** - Residential Fire Sprinkler Protection
- **March** - Kitchen & Cooking Safety
- **April** - Prevention of Grass and Brush Fires
- **May** - Electrical Safety
- **June** - Home Escape Planning / Have Two Ways Out
- **July** - Fireworks Safety
- **August** - Stop, Drop & Roll
- **September** - Firefighters Are Heroes; Don't Fear Firefighters in Gear
- **October** - Carbon Monoxide Detectors and Home Heating Safety
- **November** - Smoke Detectors (Maintenance & Replacement)
- **December** - Safe Use of Candles & Holiday Safety

Division offices are located at:

Central / Barre Office
1311 US Rte 302, Ste 500
Barre VT 05641

Rutland Office
56 Howe St, Bldg A, Ste 200
Rutland VT 05701

Springfield Office
100 Mineral St, Suite 307
Springfield VT 05156

Williston Office
380 Hurricane Ln, Ste 101
Williston VT 05495

Things to remember:

- Must be submitted on white paper not exceeding 12 by 20 inches in size, and not folded
- **The label below must be completed and attached to the back of each poster**
- Each student may only submit ONE poster
- No "teams" allowed – only one student per poster
- Anticipated Award Ceremony date for selected winners will be Friday, November 13th, 2020 (Winners will be officially notified by November 4thth) Due to Covid-19 the Awards Ceremony will likely be unconventional, more information to follow as we get closer.
- **Submission Deadline Date; October 23, 2020**

Label to include on back of poster; PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Student's First and Last Name /Grade: _____

Topic/Month: _____

Name of School & Town: _____

Teachers Name: _____

School Phone Number: _____

BEST WAY TO NOTIFY TEACHER IF POSTER IS SELECTED FOR CALENDAR:

___ Phone or ___ Teachers Email: _____

Principals Email: _____

(please provide both)