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*Department of Public Safety*

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## We need your STUDENT ARTISTS for the 2019 Robert Howe Fire Safety Calendar

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We need your help to assist students in creating fire safety messages this year by participating in the 28th 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.

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 28<sup>th</sup> Annual 2019 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 7th through October 13th, 2018. 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 19, 2018. 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](http://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:

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Rutland VT 05701

Springfield Office  
100 Mineral St, Suite 307  
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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 Monday November 5th, 2018 at the Vermont State House (Winners will be officially notified on October 26<sup>th</sup>)
- **Submission Deadline Date; October 19, 2018**

### 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 \_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

(Feel free to provide both if you would like)

