Have No Fear – Playground Safety is Here!

The 2014 Playground Safety Poster and Essay Contest

Playgrounds are cool places—with many fun things to do. We’re looking for the young superheroes at your housing authority to use their superpowers to help keep their playground safe.

National Playground Safety Week runs from April 21-25, and HAI Group is holding its annual Playground Safety Poster and Essay Contest. The theme is Have No Fear—Playground Safety is Here!

The contest is open to brave superheroes between the ages of 6 and 14. We’re counting on them to use their x-ray vision to spot things that are not safe at the playground. And if they do, they should tell their parents or other adults, so that the dangers disappear—at the speed of sound.

Then, they can use their superhuman powers to create pictures and stories to help their friends stay safe and invincible on the playground. The best posters and essays will receive prizes courtesy of HAI Group, the insurer of choice for the public and affordable housing community.

Help combat the threat of danger at your playground!

And best of luck on your quest!

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Guidelines for HAI Group’s 2014 Playground Safety Poster and Essay Contest

1. Participants must be residents of Member public housing authorities (PHAs). Children 6-14 years of age may enter. Three age categories have been created: 6-8 years, 9-11 years, and 12-14 years. There will be one poster winner and one essay winner for each category. Children may enter either one contest or both.

2. You must e-mail, fax, or mail the attached Registration Form no later than Friday, April 4, 2014, showing your intent to participate in the contest.

3. All essays/posters should be on the topic of playground safety. The theme for this year is Have No Fear—Playground Safety is Here!

4. Each PHA should hold their own judging prior to our contest due date. We suggest the week of April 21-25, 2014, which is National Playground Safety Week. You are encouraged to acknowledge winners in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each age group on the local level. All participants will receive recognition certificates for their contributions to promoting playground safety from HAI Group.

5. After your local contest, choose one poster and one essay only for each age category (total of six only), to be submitted for national judging. Submissions will not be returned. The submission deadline is Friday, May 9, 2014. HAI Group will be judging the national contest during the week of May 19-23, 2014.

6. There are three prize levels awarded in each category for national winners only. National winners will receive a $100 gift certificate for 1st place, a $40 gift certificate for 2nd place, and a $25 gift certificate for 3rd place from Walmart or Barnes & Noble Booksellers. Only a total of 18 gift certificates are awarded.

7. Each poster or essay must have the following information written clearly on the back: the participant’s first and last name, age, address, and the participant’s PHA name and PHA contact person. It would be appreciated if posters are created on standard 22” x 28” poster board or smaller.

8. The PHA contact must submit a letter to HAI Group before the contest deadline listing all the participants’ first and last names and ages. This is the only way we can award participation certificates to all children! In the letter, please include the PHA name, contact person, and phone number. Awards and certificates will be sent to the PHA contact for distribution.

All entries to be considered for national judging must be received in our office by Friday, May 9, 2014.