

THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY

BUILDING # 5
171 JERSEY STREET
TRENTON, N. J. 08611
October 2026

2025-2026 DR. RICHARD STOCKTON SAFETY POSTER CONTEST

TO: Post Adjutants (Please give to your Safety Chairperson)
County Adjutants
Dept. Safety Committee

This will serve to announce the 82nd Annual American Legion, Department of New Jersey **RICHARD STOCKTON SAFETY POSTER CONTEST** for the Physically and Mentally Challenged.

This is a project of the Department Safety Committee to bring our challenged youth into the Department Safety activities. This project was approved by the Department at a Department meeting held on Saturday, August 18, 2018 at the War Memorial Building in Trenton.

The contest is to be started in each participating school immediately, as ALL POSTERS must be in the hands of the POST Safety Committee no later than JANUARY 16, 2026.

In turn, the Post Chairperson must forward his/her three (3) best posters selected by their Post to the COUNTY Safety Chairperson no later than FEBRUARY 13, 2026.

The County Chairperson must send his/her two (2) best Posters to the DEPARTMENT Safety Chairperson, **BUILDING #5, 171 JERSEY STREET, TRENTON, NJ 08611. NO LATER THAN MARCH 6, 2026**.

DEPARTMENT JUDGING WILL BE HELD AT CLARK POST 328, 78 WESTFIELD AVENUE, CLARK, NEW JERSEY 07066, ON SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2026 AT 1:00 PM.

THE DEPARTMENT DEADLINE WILL BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO !!!!

(Post and County deadlines may be adjusted)

CONTEST RULES

1. The contest is open to all Physically and Challenged youth up to and including the 8th grade level. No age limit.
2. The contest must be conducted in the school or institution, under proper supervision of a member of the faculty.
3. The poster must be no larger than 18 inches by 24 inches.
4. The poster may be on paper, cardboard, poster board, plastic, or any other media.
5. The poster may be drawn, pasted, cut out of papers, magazines or any suitable matter.
6. The poster must deal with safety.
7. The following standards, established by the Department Safety Committee are used as a guide by the judges in selecting the poster:

Originality.....50%

Understanding & coverage of the topic.....50%

8. A Safety Poster Contest Report Form is enclosed and should be filled out and submitted with poster (s).

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AWARDS FOR DEPARTMENT WINNERS

At a meeting held on August 18, 2007 in Trenton, the Department Executive Committee approved the recommendation of the Department Safety Committee to make the following award changes:

- 1st place..... \$250.00 Check & Dept. of New Jersey American Legion Safety Poster Contest Plaque
- 2nd place..... \$175.00 Check
- 3rd place..... \$115.00 Check
- 4th place..... \$75.00 Check – **Honorable Mention****

We recommend and encourage the Posts and Counties to make appropriate awards to their local winners and that the county winners receive their awards during the County Convention or Annual Meeting.

Please contact all schools in your area that have any challenged youth and ask them to participate in this new program. It will help to bring the idea of Safety to a previously forgotten segment of our population.

Also, please advise the school or faculty member to whom the posters should be forwarded when completed so they will not be sent directly to the Department. If they are sent to the Department it is almost impossible to know which Post should receive them. This will cause unnecessary delay in the proper post receiving them and could result in them being too late for judging at the local level.

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