

National Work Zone Safety Poster Contest

Governor Wes Moore invites all K-12 students to help the State promote Work Zone Safety! The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) and Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) are honored to support this important initiative.

WHEN CAN POSTERS BE DRAWN?

Posters can be drawn anytime between **February 10, 2025 - March 21, 2025**

Posters must be submitted to the MHSO, postmarked no later than March 21, 2025.

CATEGORIES

Schools may submit posters in each of the following categories:

- **Division #1** - Grades K-2;
- **Division #2** - Grades 3-5;
- **Division #3** - Grade 6-8;
- **Division #4** - Special Education (Grades K-12);
- **Division #5** - CAD (Computer Aided Drawing - Open to Grades K-12)

**Winning posters will
be used to promote
National Work Zone
Safety Week
April 21-25, 2025**

POSTER THEME

Every poster must include the 2025 poster contest theme: ***Respect the Zone, So We All Get Home***

Contestants must illustrate the above theme only. The theme on the poster must be exactly as shown above, to include all punctuation.

CONTEST DATES

February 10 - March 21, 2025
Contest active

March 21, 2025
Posters submitted to MHSO

March 24 - April 4, 2025
Judging conducted by MDOT

April 7 - 11, 2025
Winners notified

April 21, 2025
National Work Zone Safety Week
Public winner announcement
Billboard for 1st Place Winners

JUDGING CRITERIA

Maryland Department of Transportation officials will evaluate posters. Criteria for the selection of award-winning posters are:

- **Safety Impact:** Relationship of the poster design to work zone safety practices.
- **Originality:** Originality of the poster and how the idea is expressed in the poster design.
- **Artistic Quality:** Artwork and execution.
- **Visual Impact:** Visual impact of the poster design.

PRIZES

A single prize will be awarded to the winner of each category.

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Resources for Poster Completion

The 2025 Maryland Poster Contest aims to select a poster that best depicts the theme:

Respect the Zone, So We All Get Home

The following are work zone safety resources you might find useful as you complete your poster submission:

[A Guide to Safe Driving in Maryland's Work Zones](#) -

Maryland State Highway Administration

[Work Zone Safety](#) -

Zero Deaths Maryland

[National Work Zone Awareness Week](#) -

American Traffic Safety Services Association

[Work Zone Safety Tips](#) -

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Work Zone Safety Pledge](#) -

Chesapeake Regional Safety Council

A work zone is a part of the road where people fix or build things. Signs, barriers, and special markings show where the work is happening.

Drivers must be careful and drive slowly to keep workers and motorists safe.

Work zones can be dangerous because there are big machines, cars coming in and out, and workers moving around while cars drive fast nearby.

Orange is the standard color for work zone activity. When drivers see orange signs, they should stay alert and be prepared for the unexpected.

Drivers Should:

- **Remain alert**
- **Always wear seat belts**
- **Obey posted speed limits and work zone signage**
- **Refrain from using cell phones**
- **Exercise patience**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - PLEASE READ FULL RULES FOR CORRECT SUBMISSION!

POSTER SPECIFICATIONS

Size/Orientation: Completed poster size must be 11" x 17" or 12" x 18". Posters may be illustrated on the vertical or horizontal axis.

Poster Paper: Designs should be submitted on quality tag, poster illustration board, or heavy paper. Construction paper may be used but entries must be mounted on quality tag poster. Lamination is not permitted and will disqualify the poster.

Colors: There is no limitation on the use and number of colors.

Medium: There is no limitation on the type of medium — paint, crayon, felt pen, etc. — used on the poster design; however, wood, plastic, glass or metal should not be part of the poster. Collage materials should not be used. Glued-on pieces will disqualify the poster.

Lettering and Drawing: The poster design may incorporate freehand letters only. Stenciled, preprinted, manufactured stick-on or press-on letters or tracings may not be used and will disqualify the poster. Lettering should be clearly legible, even if used as part of the poster design. Cut paper/stencils (freehand or pre-drawn stick-on stencils) are prohibited and will disqualify the poster.

Copyright Materials: Poster designs may not incorporate any copyrighted materials or likenesses (i.e., comic and/or television characters/titles).

Theme: (Respect the Zone, So We All Get Home) must be included in the poster design. See previous winners for examples.

Creative: Drawings must be original, correct in safety concepts, and the exclusive work of the student entering the contest in idea, design, and execution. All artwork should be positive in approach and demonstrate proper work zone behaviors.

Submission Information: There must be an entry page (next page) securely fastened to the back of each poster, which includes the student's name, grade, age, teacher's name, email address, school name, and school address. Please print clearly. Do not place name, school, etc., on the front of the poster. Display information on the back only.

All posters and related intellectual property rights become the property of the Maryland Department of Transportation upon receipt. They are not returned to the artist, their parents/legal guardians, art instructor or art teacher, school, state or contest sponsor, or any other person(s) claiming a right, title, or other interest in the poster. Posters may be displayed at MDOT MVA locations.

MAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Poster submissions should be submitted to the MHSO. Envelopes should be addressed as follows:

Maryland Highway Safety Office
C/O Work Zone Poster Contest
6601 Ritchie Highway NE
Room 218
Glen Burnie, MD 21062

Please do NOT roll posters - they must be mailed/delivered flat.

Please complete and attach this form to the back of each poster following the poster specifications noted in the contest rules. The below information is important and necessary. Posters may be disqualified if the label below is not used for poster submission!

POSTER LABEL FOR ENTRY - PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Student Name _____

Grade _____ Age _____

School _____

Teacher's Name _____

Teacher's Email _____

School Phone Number _____

School Address

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

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Do not place this information on the front of the poster.

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All fields must be completed.