



# Cyber Security Awareness

## “Kids Safe Online”

### Virginia Poster Contest



## Official Rules

### Eligibility

The contest is open to all Virginia public, private or homeschooled students in Kindergarten -12th grades.

### Judging

Posters will be judged on the following criteria: creativity, originality, poster concept and adherence to technical specifications.

Any entry that infringes upon copyright will not be judged.

### Winners

The top three winning posters from each grade group (K-5, 6-8, 9-12) will be selected & submitted into the National Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC) Cyber Security Awareness Calendar Contest. The top Virginia posters will receive a certificate of appreciation.

The winning posters from the Multi State Cyber Security Awareness Contest will be displayed in the 2014 National Cyber Security Calendar & may also be used in campaigns to raise awareness among children of all ages about internet and computer safety.

### Submission Checklist

- School Entry Forms (1 per entry)
- Poster Entries

### Deadline

School entry forms and poster entries must be received by **midnight December 21, 2012**. Late entries will not be considered.

Posters entries should be mailed to:

Kids Safe Online Poster Contest  
Virginia Information Technology Agency  
Commonwealth Security & Risk  
Management  
11751 Meadowville Lane  
Chester, VA 23836

Electronic submission can be sent to:

[CommonwealthSecurity@vita.virginia.gov](mailto:CommonwealthSecurity@vita.virginia.gov)

All entries submitted become the property of VITA and maybe used in future VITA publications. Nationally submitted posters become the property of the Multi State Information Sharing & Analysis Center.

**Posters will not be returned.**



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### Poster Topics & Technical Specifications

#### Getting Started

Poster Art should illustrate the safe use of the Internet and/or mobile devices. Create original artwork that demonstrates one of the following concepts:

- Interacting with others and not bullying or threatening others on the Internet
- Not giving out personal information on the Internet
- Only visiting safe websites
- Being careful with email (not sending worms and viruses)
- Being careful not to download malicious code from games or websites.
- How online gaming and gambling can be dangerous.
- Protecting against identity theft
- Safe use of social networking such as Twitter, Facebook, MySpace, etc.
- Any original concept that illustrates safe use of the Internet or mobile devices

#### Topics

Suggested topics:

- Cyber Security
- Cyber Bullying
- Cyber Community Citizenship (Cyber Ethics)
- Malicious Code (Worms and Viruses)
- Social networking
- Mobile media devices
- Inappropriate texting

#### Additional Information & Ideas

For more information, please visit [www.msisac.org](http://www.msisac.org)

#### Technical Specifications

##### Format

Only original hand drawn or electronically created submissions will be accepted.

Text should be dark and large enough to read.

##### Layout & Dimensions

**8.5” x 11”**

**Landscape Layout Only!!**

##### Content

- DO NOT send any artwork that contains trademarked images or brands such as Disney Characters, Dell, Google, Twitter, etc.

For additional information on copyright visit: <http://www.copyrightkids.org/>

- Do not put any identifying information on the front of the poster.
- Teachers, support staff and parents may offer minimum technical support but cannot aid in the creative process. No professional (paid) assistance is allowed.

##### Electronic Files

Please assure that electronically submitted files are converted to JPG or PDF formats.

#### Questions?

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## School Entry Form

It is requested that a teacher or school contact person verifies that this form is completely and accurately filled out. Please attach this form to the corresponding poster. If you are using an official entry form printed from the internet this page may be omitted as long as the back of the official entry form is filled out. Both the Poster and School Entry Form should be mailed or electronically submitted to:

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**\* All Fields Are Required \***

School District:	
School Name:	
School Address:	
School City, State & Zip Code:	
School Phone #:	
Title of Poster:	
Student Name:	
Grade:	
Teacher Name:	
School Contact Name:	
School Contact Title:	
School Contact Email:	
Date received at VITA: (Official Use Only)	