Portraits of Safety: Children’s Artwork Amplifies Important Poison Prevention Messages

- Florida, Alabama, Virgin Islands Students Win National Poison Prevention Week Poster Contest
- Artwork Highlights Messages on Safe Storage, Potential Dangers of Childhood Curiosity, Highlighting Poison Prevention Center Toll-Free Number
- Winning Artwork Featured at [http://www.poisonprevention.org/poster.htm](http://www.poisonprevention.org/poster.htm)

Washington, DC, July xx, 2014 – Students whose artwork conveys simple but powerful messages on safe product storage, the potential dangers of children’s curiosity and calling for help are the winners of the 2015 National Poison Prevention Week poster contest.

The drawings from the students – who hail from Alabama, Florida and the Virgin Islands – were chosen by the Poison Prevention Week Council. Their artwork will be featured on the 2015 posters for National Poison Prevention Week, which is observed nationally the third week of March every year.

This year’s winners include:

- Grades kindergarten through two: Aaliyah Francis, Wesleyan Academy, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands
- Grades three through five: Elizabeth Hernandez, Keller Intermediate School, Macclenny, Florida
- Grades six through eight: Ange Long, Discovery Middle School, Jacksonville, Alabama.

The winning artwork, along with the second and third-place honorees, is currently featured on the Poison Prevention Week Council website at [www.poisonprevention.org/poster.htm](http://www.poisonprevention.org/poster.htm).

- Aaliyah Francis’ poster clearly illustrates that “children act fast and so do poisons” and promotes the Poison Control Center toll-free hotline that every household should have on-hand: 1-800-222-1222.

- The winning poster submitted by Elizabeth Hernandezreminds everyone that poisonings can happen in the blink of an eye.

- The vivid drawing by Ange Long reminds us that children are curious when it comes to many household items, including prescription drugs.

“The poster contest inspires creativity around the topics of home safety,” said Nancy Bock, Poison Prevention Week Council Chair and Senior Vice President of Education at the American Cleaning Institute. “We believe that involving students in creating
artwork for National Poison Prevention Week meaningfully engages them at a very early age about safety in the home.”

The posters can be ordered on the Poison Prevention Week Council website at www.poisonprevention.org.

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Public Law 87-319 (approved September 26, 1961) requested the President annually to designate the third week in March as National Poison Prevention Week. The observance, sponsored by the Poison Prevention Week Council, was designed to alert the American people to the problem of unintentional poisonings. For the past 50 years, National Poison Prevention Week has focused on preventing poisonings among children under 5 years of age.

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