

## “Water Safety Poster Coloring Contest”

**TOPIC/SUBJECT:** Water Safety Poster Coloring Contest

**TARGET AUDIENCE/AGE LEVEL:** All ages

**TIME:** 30 minutes

**THEME:** Water Safety is important to communicate to others, especially through posters.

**GOAL/PURPOSE:** Participants will understand knowing water safety can be fun.

**OBJECTIVE(S):** To create a water safety poster that reminds the participants of the importance of water safety.

### **DESCRIPTION:**

- A. Locate an enclosed area, or outside (but in the shade and protected from wind), set up several tables in the shape of a horseshoe.
- B. For inspiration, put up several of the large colored water safety posters around this work (coloring) area. These posters are available through water safety products.
- C. Before the children begin creating their own posters, use about 10 minutes to go through water safety material that is suitable for giving the children several messages and ideas.
- D. Tell the children to try to have a sub-theme, although the overall theme is Water Safety. Possible sub-themes are:
  - Don't Drown Your Dreams
  - PFD...Your Vest for Life
  - Water Safety is Our Concern - Please Make It Yours
  - When You Boat - Be Prepared to Float
  - Water Safety - Be Aware - Be Alive
  - Water Safety is a Family Affair
  - Wear A PFD - Your Friend for Life
  - Water - Live to Enjoy It
  - Water - Respect It or Regret It
  - The Corps Wants You - To Be Water Safe
  - PFD - Are you putting me on?
  - Drownings Don't Just Happen -- Think Water Safety
  - Children, Don't Take Your Eyes Off Of Them
  - Invest in Life - Wear a PFD
  - Learn How to Swim - The Life You Save Could Be Yours
  - Reach or Throw - Don't Go
- E. Posters are judged on creativity, clearness of message, suitable message, or other categories.
- F. Try to find a place to display the posters.
- G. Each participant of the contest should receive a certificate.

**SUGGESTED MATERIALS & EQUIPMENT:** Crayons, markers, and other material children can draw with (paints, and stamps work too!). Paper or half-size poster board is also needed.