

#### Details:

Essex County Fire and Rescue Service is calling on the children of Essex to give their best safety advice to help everyone stay safe during the Summer months.

The Service is holding a competition for children across Essex to send in a poster, poem or a piece of art that gives Summer safety advice to Essex residents.

The Education Team at Essex County Fire and Rescue Service said: "We're calling on the children of Essex to help us share our Summer safety messages in a fun and creative way. Whether it's a poster, poem or a piece of art, we're looking for the best safety advice to help everyone stay safe this Summer."

- Water safety advice to stay safe at the beach
- Helping looking out for younger children - help to keep them safe near water
- Beach Flags/ water safety signs – what do they mean?
- Walking near rivers / streams / lakes – What are the dangers, how can you keep safe?
- Railways – if you live near or visit railway lines – what should you do?
- Fire safety advice to prevent fires at home
- Road safety – if walking, on your bike or in a car – how can we be safe?
- Look at our link to give you more idea [essex-fire.gov.uk/education](https://essex-fire.gov.uk/education)

We want your creative ideas to help keep Essex safe."

The best poster, poem or piece of art will be proudly displayed in the winner's local fire station and will be shared on Essex County Fire and Rescue Service's website and social media channels. Essex Year of Reading will be supporting and will also gift a book to the winner.

[https://schools.essex.gov.uk/info/News/Documents/EYOR\\_Project%20Directory\\_05a.pdf](https://schools.essex.gov.uk/info/News/Documents/EYOR_Project%20Directory_05a.pdf)

Not only will the winning content be displayed in the local fire station, but the winner will also win a tour of their local fire station and will have the chance to meet their local firefighters like a VIP.

The winner of the competition will be chosen by the Service's Education Officers.

The team visits thousands of schoolchildren across Essex each year in collaboration with Essex Police to deliver safety advice to schools.

The team has created an online education hub for parents, carers and teachers to access safety lessons for children. You can access these lessons at [essex-fire.gov.uk/education](https://essex-fire.gov.uk/education).

The competition opens on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June and will close on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022.**

The winner will be notified by email on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> July and announced on social media later that day.

To enter, please take a photo or scan your child's poster, poem or piece of art and along with your child's name, age and the town or village they live in, please email it to: [mailbox.education@essex-fire.gov.uk](mailto:mailbox.education@essex-fire.gov.uk)

For the fire service's safety advice, visit: [essex-fire.gov.uk/education](https://essex-fire.gov.uk/education)

Good luck!

I look forward to hearing from you further regarding this.

