

# Poison Prevention Week Council



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## **Stilwell Youth Wins National Poison Prevention Week Poster Contest**

The National Poison Prevention Week Council has announced the winners of its annual poster contest. The Council's first place younger division, winning poster, titled "I'm Not Lion! Lock Up Poisons," was created by Aubrey Brown of Stilwell, Oklahoma. Aubrey's poster creatively illustrates the message to prevent poisonings by keeping potential poisons locked up. Aubrey's poster will be showcased across the country and featured in the Council's March 2009 Poison Prevention Week activities.

The National Poison Prevention Week Council, in conjunction with the American Association of Poison Control Centers, sponsors the poster contest each year as part of a year-round effort to educate communities about ways to prevent accidental poisonings in the home. Aubrey's poster was selected from entries that were submitted to local poison centers throughout the states. The contest is open to two groups, children ages 8 and under and children ages 9-13.

"Children can be a powerful force for education within their family. We are delighted to work with the Poison Control Centers to encourage children to participate in educating their community about this important issue," said Kristin Lolmaugh, Chair of the Council.

More than 2 million poisonings are reported each year to the 61 Poison Control Centers across the country. More than 90 percent of these poisonings occur in the home. The majority of non-fatal poisonings occur in children younger than 6 years of age. And, poisonings are one of the leading causes of death among adults.

Poison centers aim to help eliminate thousands of needless and costly emergency room visits by offering free and confidential emergency poison consultation to callers of the nationwide hotline, 1-800-222-1222.

National Poison Prevention Week, the third week in March each year, is a week nationally designated to highlight the dangers of poisonings and how to prevent them. For additional information on the poster contest and steps the public can take to help prevent accidental poisonings, visit the Council's Web site at [www.poisonprevention.org](http://www.poisonprevention.org).