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NOVA Sponsors Internet Safety Poster Contest

Aim is to Encourage Young People to Use the Internet Responsibly

BUCKS COUNTY, PA. Network of Victim Assistance (NOVA) is holding an Internet Safety Poster Contest for Bucks County students in grades K – 12. The purpose of the contest is to remind everyone about Internet safety rules and encourage safe decision making.

Since families are self-quarantining at home during the Coronavirus outbreak, both children and adults are spending more time online. This has brought about increased concerns for Internet privacy, content, and safety. In addition, the increased Internet use escalates the risk that predators will reach out to children. NOVA hopes the poster contest will give students an opportunity to share their creativity for the betterment of others.

NOVA is looking for poster submissions that incorporate Internet safety rules into their design including concepts such as:

- Personal information is private
- Keep privacy settings on
- Practice safe browsing
- Be careful what you download
- Choose strong passwords
- Post with caution
- Avoid the Clickbait trap

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“NOVA’s Internet Safety Poster Contest is a distance learning contest that will allow students to consider their online actions, promote safe online habits, and spark conversations between children, tweens, teens and their parents/guardians about digital interactions,” said Mary Worthington, NOVA’s Primary Prevention Coordinator. “Today, more than ever, it is important for adults to teach young people how to use technology in safe and healthy ways.”

The following prizes will be awarded:

- Grades K-3 \$50.00 Art Supply Basket
- Grades 4-7 \$50.00 Target Gift Card
- Grades 8-12 \$50.00 Apple iTunes Gift Card

Original hand-drawn or electronic submissions will be accepted and any art medium is welcome. All entries must be submitted with a NOVA’s Poster Contest Entry Submission Form, which can be found at <https://www.novabucks.org/event/novas-internet-safety-poster-contest/>. Entries are to be sent via email to postercontest@novabucks.org. Submission deadline is May 1, 2020.

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ABOUT NOVA

Network of Victim Assistance (NOVA) supports, counsels and empowers victims of sexual assault and other serious crimes in Bucks County and works to prevent and eliminate violence in society through advocacy, training, community education and prevention programs. Founded in 1974, NOVA is a non-profit 501(c)(3), community-based organization operating out of three offices in Fairless Hills, Jamison and Perkasio. Services are made possible through the financial support of federal, state and local government grants and contracts, corporations, foundations and private donations. All contributions are tax deductible to the extent provided by law. For more information, visit www.NOVABucks.org.

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Poster Contest Event Cover.png: Network of Victim Assistance’s Internet Safety Poster Contest is open to Bucks County students in grades K – 12. Submissions are due by May 1.

NOVA’s Internet Safety Poster Contest



NOVA is pleased to invite all Bucks County students in grades K - 12 to participate in NOVA’s Internet Safety Poster Contest.

We want to inspire youth to use their knowledge and creativity to encourage their peers to use the Internet responsibly and securely. Reminding everyone about Internet Safety Rules will encourage safe decision making when engaging in any online activity.

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