



## 2010 *FIRST* Safety Animation Award - CONTEST INFORMATION

You are invited to participate in the 6<sup>th</sup> annual *FIRST* Safety Animation Contest. The winning animation will be highlighted during the *FIRST* Kickoff on January 9, 2010 and shown at each regional event.

**Theme:** From receipt of a Kit of Parts to post-competition pit dismantlement, safety is a core value in all stages of concept development, construction and competition. Your safety animation should demonstrate how teams can bring safety to life across all phases of the *FIRST* Robotics Competition. We don't expect you to illustrate all of the safety behavior examples below. Instead, your safety animation should focus on illustrating the concept of safety as a foundation for all competition phases.

Pre-competition behaviors	Competition behaviors	Post-competition behaviors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read and understand the competition safety manual, especially if you're part of a rookie team</li> <li>• Follow the principles of hazard based safety engineering to eliminate safety hazards as much as possible during the robot build and to protect against those that can't be engineered out</li> <li>• Choose wisely in selecting your safety captain</li> <li>• Understand what is and is NOT safe attire when building the robot and planning your event attire, e.g., no long beads, no mascot gear that obscures vision and makes it difficult to maneuver, no open toed shoes, etc.</li> <li>• Use your tools wisely and store them safely</li> <li>• Protect your eyes, fingers, toes and other body parts ... always!</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exhibit gracious professionalism by lending a hand to a struggling team</li> <li>• Review the safety manual, and keep it handy and ready to use</li> <li>• Keep your pit clean, safe and tidy</li> <li>• Wear your safety glasses and other personal protective gear</li> <li>• Take care of yourself during competition ... eat right and get enough rest. Fatigue and hunger lead to accidents and injuries</li> <li>• Transport your robot safely using an appropriately sized cart, through a clear path and with an escort</li> <li>• Charge your batteries safely and in an appropriate manner</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dismantle and crate your robot safely</li> <li>• Leave your pit area clean without any sharp items or tools left unattended</li> <li>• Recycle or reuse any robot parts for next year's competition or pass them along to a rookie team next year</li> <li>• Celebrate your team's accomplishments and the accomplishments of other teams</li> </ul>

**Criteria:** Animations should

Be created using the software provided by Autodesk for the 2009 or 2010 competition season.

Be no more than 40 seconds long including opening and credits

Be recorded on a DVD that is labeled with your team number and entry title.

**Submission:** Mail your animation and entry form to: *FIRST* Safety Animation, ATTN: Nancy Skerry, *FIRST*, 200 Bedford St., Manchester, NH, 03101 USA

**Deadline:** Animations must be received at *FIRST* by Monday, December 7, 2009

Please note that your DVD and the right to use and display your animation will become the property of *FIRST*.