

## WHAT TO KNOW BEFORE PRINTING A POSTER

Are you a business owner looking to advertise your products or services through posters but you do not really know what to include and how to print the poster? Before bringing your document to the nearest printer, you have to make sure that the content and design of the poster is done effectively.

Poster printing companies have varying paper stocks used in printing posters. Posters can usually be done on 100# gloss text paper stock instead of 12 pt. cover card stock that is used for rack cards and postcards.

Posters are usually better than a talk. During tradeshows or conferences, although you could communicate your product or service through a fifteen minute talk, a poster presentation can allow you to personally interact with the people who are interested with your products. Likewise, posters are more efficient than a talk because they can be viewed even while you are away or napping off.

The trick to producing an effective poster is to adopt the rough draft process. Rough drafts are especially important in deciding whether you need to add text or resize images and illustrations. These are decisions that can involve long hours of fretting and gnashing of teeth. Keep in mind to make the rough draft at least a month before you need to present your poster. You can bribe some of your friends or even strangers to look at it when you are not present and ask them to leave their suggestions.

And when you are ready to print, you have to make sure that you find the printing company that will meet your printing needs. To make sure that you are getting the quality that you want, ask your chosen printing company to provide you some sample of their work. If the printing company taunts at this request, then it is time to look for other printing companies. Printing companies should realize that you are investing hard earned money in your posters and thus, they should have no problem in providing you with a sample or two.

As with many advertising products, you can spend a whole lot of money on your poster but not necessarily come out with a high-quality product. As much as possible make your poster attractive, attention-grabbing and not too crowded with information. So, if you are like most business owners and you are looking to maximize the dollar, it pays to carefully evaluate your poster design and printing needs to be able to find the right printing company.

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