

Display and Safety Rules

1. If there are pictures of people other than the exhibitor, signed Human Subject Consent to Research Forms must be included with the paperwork for the project.
2. If the project involves chemicals or other hazards, be sure to follow the proper safety procedures (e.g., goggles, gloves, aprons). Material Safety Data Sheets (SDSs) on chemicals used must be included with the paperwork for the project.

Not allowed in display booth:

1. Living organisms, including plants
2. Taxidermy specimens or parts
3. Preserved vertebrate or invertebrate animals
4. Human or animal food
5. Human/animal parts or body fluids (e.g., blood or urine)
6. Plant materials (living, dead, or preserved) that are in their raw, unprocessed, or nonmanufactured state (exception: manufactured construction materials used in building the project or display)
7. All chemicals including water (exceptions: water integral to an enclosed, sealed apparatus)
8. All hazardous substances or devices (e.g., poisons, drugs, firearms, weapons, ammunition, reloading devices, lasers)
9. Dry ice or other sublimating solids
10. Sharp items (e.g., syringes, needles, pipettes, knives)
11. Flames or highly flammable materials
12. Batteries with open-top cells
13. Awards, medals, business cards, flags, logos, endorsements, or acknowledgments (graphic or written), unless the item(s) are an integral part of the project
14. Photographs or other visual presentations depicting vertebrate animals in surgical techniques, dissections, necropsies, or other lab procedures
15. Glass or glass objects, unless deemed to be an integral and necessary part of the project (exception: glass that is an integral part of a commercial product, such as a computer screen)
16. Any apparatus deemed unsafe (e.g., large vacuum tubes, dangerous ray-generating devices, empty tanks that previously contained combustible liquids or gases, pressurized tanks)

Allowed in display booth *with the restrictions indicated:*

1. Photographs or visual depictions if
 - a. they are not deemed offensive or inappropriate. This includes, but is not limited to, visually offensive photographs or visual depictions of invertebrate or vertebrate animals, including humans.

- b. they have credit lines (“Photograph taken by...” or “Image taken from...”). (If all photographs being displayed were taken by the student or are from the same source, one credit line prominently displayed is sufficient.)
 - c. they are from the internet, magazines, newspapers, journals, etc., and credit lines are displayed. (If all photographs/images are from the same source, one credit prominently displayed is sufficient.)
 - d. they are photographs or visual depictions of the student.
2. Any apparatus with unshielded belts, pulleys, chains, or moving parts with tension or pinch points, **if for display only and not operated.**
3. Any demonstration for judges or the public must be performed within the maximum size of the project space permitted.
4. Class II lasers **if:**
 - a. the output energy is <1 mW and is operated only by the student
 - b. operated only during the display and safety inspection and during judging
 - c. labeled with a sign reading “Laser radiation: Do not look into beam”
 - d. enclosed in protective housing that prevents physical and visual access to beam
 - e. disconnected when not operating

Note: Class II lasers are found in laser pointers and in aiming and range-finding devices. They pose a risk if the beam is directly viewed over a long period of time.

5. Class III and IV lasers, **if for display only and not operated.**
6. Any apparatus producing temperatures that will cause physical burns, **if adequately insulated.**