

Display and Safety Regulations

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Items Not Allowed at Project or in Booth

1. Living organisms, **including plants**
2. Preserved vertebrate or invertebrate animals, including taxidermy specimens or parts
3. Human or animal food
4. Human/animal parts or body fluids (for example, blood, urine)
5. Plant materials (living, dead, or preserved) in a raw, unprocessed, or non-manufactured state.
6. Laboratory/household chemicals **including water** (except water integral to an enclosed apparatus)
7. All hazardous substances or devices (i.e., poisons, drugs, weapons, ammunition, and lasers)
8. Dry ice or other sublimating solids
9. Sharp items (for example, syringes, needles, pipettes, knives)
10. Flames or highly flammable materials
11. Batteries with open-top cells
12. Photographs or other visual presentations depicting vertebrate animals in lab procedures.
13. Prior year's written material or visual depictions on the vertical display board.
14. Glass or glass objects (Exception: glass that is a part of a commercial product such as a computer screen)
15. Any apparatus deemed unsafe by the Safety Committee.

Items Allowed at Project or in Booth, BUT with the Restrictions Indicated

1. Soil or waste samples **if permanently encased in a slab of acrylic**
2. Photographs and/or visual depictions **if**:
 - a. They are not deemed offensive or inappropriate by the Safety Committee.
 - b. Credit lines of their origins: "Photograph taken by." or "Image taken from." is attached. (If all photographs being displayed were taken by the Finalist or are from the same source, one credit line prominently displayed is sufficient.) If they are from the Internet, magazines, newspapers, journals, etc., and credit lines are attached (If all photographs/images are from the same source, one credit line prominently displayed is sufficient.)
 - c. They are photographs or visual depictions of the Finalist.
 - d. They are photographs of human subjects for which signed consent forms are at the project or in the booth. (Human Subjects Form 4 or equivalent photo release signed by the human subject must be included in the paperwork.)
3. Any apparatus with unshielded belts, pulleys, chains, or moving parts with tension or pinch points **if for display only and not operated**