

POSTER DISPLAY AND PRESENTATION: Tips and Rules

Tips: Remember that your role in presenting your research orally and through your poster display is to: (1) describe the purpose and background for your study, (2) describe your methods, (3) display and report your results, (4) and discuss your conclusions. *Your role is NOT to demonstrate or conduct the experiment itself.* For resources on creating and presenting your display, visit:

https://www.sciencebuddies.org/science-fair-projects/project_display_board.shtml

Common Display Violations: For a complete list of prohibited items and rules for project displays, please review "Intel ISEF Display and Safety Regulations" in the official Intel ISEF guideline and rulebook:

<https://www.societyforscience.org/isef/international-rules/display-safety-rules/>

Below are common display violations to avoid.

Prohibited:

- All chemicals including water (projects may not use water in any form in a demonstration)
- Soil, sand, rock, cement and/or waste samples, even if permanently encased in acrylic
- Preserved vertebrate or invertebrate animals
- Human or animal food as part of the exhibitor demonstration of the project.
- Plant materials (living, dead, or preserved) that are in their raw, unprocessed, or non-manufactured state (Exception: manufactured construction materials used in building the project or display)
- Sharp items
- Batteries with open-top cells or wet cells
- Glass or glass objects unless deemed by the Display and Safety Committee to be an integral and necessary part of the project (for example, glass that is an integral part of a commercial product such as a computer screen)
- Energized wiring, switches, and metal parts must have adequate insulation and over-current safety devices (such as fuses) and must be inaccessible to anyone other than the finalist. Exposed electrical equipment or metal that possibly may be energized must be shielded with a non-conducting material or with a grounded metal box to prevent accidental contact.
- Any apparatus with unshielded belts, pulleys, chains, or moving parts with tension or pinch points must be for display only.

Photographs and Images:

- Display of photographs of people other than the finalist must have a photo release signed by the subject, and if under 18 years of age, also by the guardian of the subject (see rulebook under the heading "Photograph/Image Display Requirements" for sample consent statement: <https://www.societyforscience.org/isef/international-rules/display-safety-rules/>).

- Finalists using audio-visual or multi-media presentations (for example, 35mm slides, videotapes, images, graphics, animations, etc., displayed on computer monitors; or other non-print presentation methods) must be prepared to show the entire presentation to the Display and Safety Inspectors before the project is approved.
- Images not created or taken by the participant must be accompanied by a credit line of origin (see “Photograph/Image Display Requirements” at <https://www.societyforscience.org/isef/international-rules/display-safety-rules/>). A credit line of origin (e.g. Image taken from: [insert website or reference here], or Photograph taken by [insert name here]) should be prominently and vertically displayed on your poster for each image taken from a different source, as shown below.

