

## DISPLAY RULES

1. Before judging, all of the displays will be carefully inspected by the safety committee at the regional and state expositions. **A copy of the Abstract, Safety Sheet(s), Endorsement(s)/required document (if applicable), must be displayed on the front of the exhibitor's display board.**
2. **Your display must not exceed the dimensions of 76 cm front to back, 122 cm from side to side, and 152 cm from table to top.** This applies to ALL parts of your project. **No apparatus may exceed this space. No apparatus may be under, behind, in front of, alongside, or hanging off of the display table. No apparatus that poses a safety risk to viewers may be displayed and may be removed at the discretion of the Safety Chair.**
3. Your display must be designed to sit on a table and be self-supporting.
4. Material used for packing displays may not be kept within the display area, including under the table. It must be taken from the building.
5. Table drapes or covers are not allowed.
6. Spotlights, floodlights, or decorative lighting must not be used to illuminate your display.
7. Any violation of these safety regulations will result in a letter to the sponsor with the reason for disqualification or potential disqualification. No project will be disqualified if the safety violation can be corrected on the spot with a minimum of effort.

## PLANNING AN ATTRACTIVE DISPLAY

- The student should construct the display, with the parent, teacher, or sponsor providing guidance, encouragement, and constructive criticism.
- The title should be brief, captivating, and sufficiently descriptive to identify the project.
- Lettering should be neat, easily visible, and uncluttered. Check correctness of spelling.
- Displays should be neat and presentable.
- Do not display any previous awards on your project.
- Wall space for posters, tape, tacks, etc., is not available. Construct displays so that wall space is not required.
- Exhibitors should bring their own tape, thumbtacks, and other supplies.
- The Abstract, Safety Sheet, and any endorsements must be placed on the front of the display board. They may be reduced to a minimum of a half sheet of standard paper and stacked.

## **SAFETY RULES FOR DISPLAY**

Science Exposition is the time for communication. You are being judged on your ability to present your research to a scientist. This is neither the time nor place to demonstrate your experiment. **You should leave all lab equipment at home or at school. Pictures, drawings, and diagrams should replace equipment.**

### **BIOLOGICAL DISPLAY HAZARDS**

- **Animals.** No vertebrate or invertebrate animals or animal tissues may be displayed in any exhibit at the Regional or State Expositions.
- **Hypodermic Needles.** Hypodermic needles and syringes or other sharp objects may not be displayed.
- **Cultures.** No cultures of any kind may be displayed including those containing organisms with recombinant DNA. Students should rely upon color photos in their displays whenever possible.

### **CHEMICAL AND GLASSWARE DISPLAY HAZARDS**

- No glass object may be displayed unless it is a component of some unique apparatus. The apparatus must be secured, without sharp edges, and away from the table's edge.
- Chemicals may not be displayed. Substitute photographs or drawings.

### **ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL DISPLAY HAZARDS**

- In rare instances, electrical or mechanical apparatus may be displayed after the approval of an IJAS safety inspector.
- All projects involving electrical or mechanical apparatus are to be operated only upon judges' request.

### **FIRE AND RADIATION DISPLAY HAZARDS**

- **Hazardous Materials.** Materials that are explosive, highly flammable, corrosive, or highly poisonous are not to be brought to the exhibit. Displays or demonstrations using rocket fuels, armed rockets, and explosives of any kind are prohibited. Compressed gas cylinders of any type are not permitted. Aerosol cans may not be displayed.
- **Fire Hazards.** Open flames, torches, burners, electrical heating units or hot plates are not to be displayed or used for demonstration.
- **Radiation.** Lasers, UV light, X-rays, radioactive materials, or microwaves may not be displayed.

## **QUESTIONS AND/OR CLARIFICATIONS**

**All questions or clarifications regarding these safety regulations will be made to the IJAS Safety Chair, in writing a minimum of 4 weeks by regular mail or 1 week by e-mail, prior to the fair/exposition with a copy sent to the IJAS President.** There will be no deviation from those regulations designed for the safety of the fair participants, judges, and visitors. **The decision of the IJAS Safety Chair with the advisement of the IJAS President will be final on all requests.**

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