


## THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE NOT ALLOWED AT PROJECTS

### Not Allowed Per Safety Regulations:

- **Living or dead organisms**, including fungi, animals, plants and microorganisms
- **Taxidermy specimens, parts, pelts**
- **Preserved vertebrate or invertebrate animals** or animal parts, including cells
- Human or animal **food** of any kind
- Human or animal **parts or body fluids** (including bones, urine, bloodstains)
- **Plant materials** including potpourri, grain, birdseed, spices, leaves, flowers, logs, branches, etc. Plastic or other inorganic replicas or photographs should be used instead. (Exception: manufactured construction materials used in building the project or display)
- **Soil, sand, rock, minerals, or waste** samples, even if fully encased in acrylic
- **All chemicals**, including water.
- **All liquids, gels, powders, and creams**, such as shampoo, sunscreen, salt, soap, agar, etc.
- **Dry ice** or other sublimating solids
- **Hazardous substances or devices**, including poisons, drugs, firearms, weapons, martial arts weapons, ammunition, etc.
- **Sharp items**, including syringes, needles, pipettes, nails, knives
- **Flames or highly flammable materials**
- **Glass** or glass objects unless deemed by the Display & Safety Committee to be an integral and necessary part of the project (e.g., glass that is an integral part of a computer screen)
- **Hammering, pinching, or pounding devices** that are not fully immobilized, pulleys or hinges with pinch points, etc.
- **Batteries** with open-top cells
- Any apparatus or item deemed unsafe by any member of the SRC, the Display & Safety Committee, judges, or the GSEF staff (e.g., vacuum tubes or dangerous ray-generating devices, pressurized or empty tanks that previously contained combustibles, etc.)

### Not Allowed Per Display Regulations:

- Any items that are **acknowledgments, self-promotions, or external endorsements** (such as naming the research institution or mentor, or patent pending statements).
- **Awards, medals, flags, logos** (including school and university logos).
- **Give-away items** such as flyers, pens, postcards, CDs, business cards, etc. Exception: Exhibitors may give out up to 20 unaltered copies of the Official Abstract Form.
- **Postal addresses, URLs** (other than those used solely to cite the sources of photos), **email addresses, social media handles, QR codes, phone/fax numbers** of any exhibitor or his/her school or research institution.
- **Active Internet** or email connections.
- For Continuation projects, no prior years' written material or visual depictions on the display board. However, previous years' logbooks and binders may be on the table if desired and if clearly marked, e.g. "Year 1."



**No changes, modifications, or additions to projects may be made after approval by the Display and Safety Committee.**

**Exhibitors who do not adhere to this regulation will fail to qualify for competition.**