

## Project Inspection Safety and Display Checklist



- 1) Is the project # displayed on the top center of the student's board presentation?  
 **yes, go to #2**                       **no, move it to the center**
  
- 2) Is the project # on the back of this form the same as the project number on the student's presentation?  
 **yes, go to #3**                       **no, send student to Information Hub**
  
- 3) Is the name of the student, school, teacher, or advisor/mentor anywhere on the project or in the report?  
 **yes, remind the student that it's preferred not to have these placed on the board/report, go to #4 (however, these can remain on the board and in the report in 2009)**                       **no, go to #4**
  
- 4) **Size should not exceed:**  
Table top display - 48" w (122 cm) x 30" d (76 cm) x 78" h (198 cm) (estimation is fine)  
Floor display        - 48" w (122 cm) x 30" d (76 cm) x 108" h (274 cm) (estimation is fine)
  
- 5) Project should **not** contain the following:  
 **living organisms** (plants, animals, microbes, bacteria)  
 **dried plants (living/dead/preserved)** which are in their raw or unprocessed or unmanufactured state  
 **taxidermy specimens or parts** (stuffed or mounted skins of dead animals)  
 **preserved vertebrate** (having a backbone or spinal column) or invertebrate animals  
 **human or animal food**  
 **human/animal parts or body fluids; exceptions:** teeth, hair, nails, dried animal bones, histological dry mount sections and wet mounts properly acquired.  
 **soil or waste samples** unless permanently encased in a slab of acrylic  
 **liquids of any kind** (laboratory chemicals and **WATER**)  
 **poisons, drugs, controlled substances, hazardous substances or devices** (firearms, weapons, ammunition, reloading devices)  
 **dry ice or other sublimating solids** (i.e., solids which vaporize to a gas without passing through a liquid phase)  
 **"loose" sharp objects** (pins, tacks, knives, scalpels, needles, syringes, etc.) **unless** firmly intact on the project  
 **empty tanks that have previously contained combustible liquids or gases, unless** purged with carbon dioxide  
 **open top cell batteries** (i.e., batteries with a removable cap/can see acid inside if removed)  
 **breakable objects** (beakers, test tubes, slides, etc.) **unless** they are **firmly** attached to the project  
 **electrical or hot apparatus that is not properly insulated** (must be UL approved electrical materials, i.e., extension cords/surge suppressors)  
 **photographs or other visual presentations depicting vertebrate animals in other than normal conditions** (i.e., surgical techniques, dissections, necropsies or other lab techniques)  
 **photographs ARE PERMITTED** if credit lines of their origins are attached (such as "Photograph taken by..."). These labels can be found at the Information Hub. Photographs from the internet, magazines should also have credit lines. Photographs of the Finalist are permitted. Photographs of human subjects are permitted if Form 4 or equivalent photo release form is completed.  
 **active internet or email connections** as part of displaying/operating project.  
 **prior year's** written or visual depictions on display board (Exception: the project title may mention year or years in the title ie. "Year Two of an Ongoing Study".)

Inspected by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## PROJECT INSPECTION SAFETY AND DISPLAY INFORMATION GUIDE

This information is a guide that will give you tips on the five sections of the PISDG.

- 1) Self explanatory
- 2) This is very important because the student may not get credit or an award if the numbers are incorrect.
- 3) **Name of student/mentor/teacher** PRSEF discourage names on the presentation boards and in the research paper. However, students would feel penalized before even speaking with a judge. PRSEF will allow names on the boards, but will continue to discourage the use in the future..
- 4) Size: self explanatory; Just use a tape measure or eye it up.
- 5) Should not contain the following:

Most of these are self-explanatory, but a few have caused some discrepancies. They are explained as follows:

### **“Loose” sharp objects**

If the pins or tacks are holding something **in** or **on** the project or presentation board, it is allowed. The items must be firmly intact on the project or board.

### **Open top cell batteries**

Most battery experts don't even know what these are, so don't feel bad. If the battery is not properly **sealed** it is not allowed. There are also batteries known as **“maintenance free batteries”**, these are the same things as open top cell. They are not allowed.  
**Batteries that are okay: 9V, D, C AA, AAA, etc.**

### **Electrical or hot apparatus that is not properly insulated**

UL stands for “Underwriter Laboratory” which does independent testing of all electrical items to make sure they conform to all the rules. Virtually all-electrical items are required to have this “stamp of approval”. Also all of the cords must be totally insulated. Absolutely no wires sticking out of the ends. **Standard household extension cords are allowed.**

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If you have any other questions pertaining to the inspection sheet please ask the chief inspector in your area.