

Central New Mexico STEM Research Challenge

DISPLAY & SAFETY REGULATIONS AND PROJECT SET-UP APPROVAL FORM

The following regulations must be adhered to by ALL Exhibitors. **Knowledge of Display & Safety requirements is the responsibility of the Student Exhibitor and Adult Sponsor(s).** The Display & Safety Committee may require exhibitors to make revisions to conform to the regulations.

Inspectors: Check each box on BOTH sides of this form after inspected and confirmed.

☐	The project display DOES NOT have any of the PROHIBITED ITEMS as described below and on the other side of this form. <i>Inspectors: be sure to complete BOTH sides of this form!</i>
☐	Exhibitor name CANNOT appear on front of display board. Exhibitor name, school and grade may appear on notebooks, research paper, etc. No other personal information may be shown anywhere on display.
☐	Display Dimensions and Construction: - The display is within 30" deep; 48" wide; 94" from the floor to the top of project (or 64" from top of table). ALL project materials fit within the given dimensions. - The display items and backboard are self-standing and stable, or secured to table. - All items on display board are attached securely. - All sharp edges on project are removed or protected. No tripping hazards are present.
☐	ALL graphics are properly cited. Any graph, photo, or other image on the project display whether created by the exhibitor or not (including those created using AI), must be individually cited. If the graphic was obtained on the internet, a URL or DOI must be provided. Citations must be displayed alongside the graphic or in a vertically displayed reference list.
☐	Display of photographs other than that of the exhibitor must have a photo release signed by the subject, and if under 18 years of age, also by the guardian of the subject (these forms must be available upon request but shall not be displayed) OR all faces are blacked out, covered, or otherwise obscured.
☐	Digital Display/Devices – Exhibitors using a digital display/device (i.e. video) MUST show the entirety of the content during inspection for approval. If a laptop is a part of the display, exhibitor must provide a laptop lock and demonstrate that it can be secured to the table. Laptops with no lock, tablets, phones used for digital displays that cannot be secured are the sole responsibility of the exhibitor and Research Challenge staff is not responsible for any loss, damage or theft.
☐	Websites or QR codes to other materials, videos, etc. are not allowed. <i>Only URLs used for citations are allowed.</i>

I certify that this project has been inspected and complies with all Display & Safety Requirements.

Display & Safety Inspector Name

Display & Safety Inspector Signature

Please note any changes made to and/or items removed from the display:

Student Exhibitor Acknowledgement: I hereby acknowledge that

1) I have been made aware of the display and safety requirements

2) I have been given a copy of the Exhibit Hall Map and know the Emergency Exit Plan.

3) I understand the initial inspection is complete, but a final inspection will be done before judging and regular checks are conducted throughout the Challenge to ensure continued compliance. I further understand that items may be removed from my display by Research Challenge staff at any time and without my consent if they pose a safety risk. *(Removed items will be photographed and held for exhibitor to pick up during project removal).*

Student Exhibitor Signature (or representative if student exhibitor not present)

PLEASE LEAVE THE SIGNED FORM SO IT IS VISIBLE ON YOUR DISPLAY TABLE.

ITEMS NOT ALLOWED ON DISPLAY

Photographs of these items are allowed as long as they are appropriate and not deemed offensive by Display & Safety inspectors.

☐	Living organisms, including plants	☐	Glass (including light/heat sources)
☐	Taxidermy specimens or parts	☐	Preserved vertebrate or invertebrate animals
☐	ALL chemicals including water. Absolutely no liquids can be utilized in the project display	☐	Flames and highly flammable materials. Any materials that were previously flame or fire tested.
☐	Plant materials (living, dead, or preserved) that are in their raw, unprocessed, or non-manufactured state	☐	Any apparatus with belts, pulleys, chains, or moving parts with tension or pinch points that are not appropriately shielded
☐	Human or animal food	☐	3D Printers unless the power source is removed
☐	Human/animal parts or body fluids	☐	Batteries with open-top cells or wet cells
☐	Soil, sand, rock, cement, concrete, and/or waste samples, even if permanently encased in acrylic	☐	Inadequately insulated apparatus capable of producing dangerous temperatures
☐	Sharp items (examples: syringes, needles, pipettes, knives)	☐	Any display items that are deemed distracting (i.e. sounds, lights, odors, etc.)
☐	Items that may have contained or been in contact with hazardous chemicals (Item may be permitted is professionally cleaned and documentation for such cleaning is available)	☐	All hazardous substances or devices (examples: poisons, drugs, firearms, weapons, ammunition, reloading devices, grease/oil and sublimating solids such as dry ice)
☐	Drones or any flight capable apparatus unless the propulsion power source is removed	☐	Brand names, logos, copyrighted /trademarked images UNLESS integral to the project
☐	Incandescent and fluorescent light bulbs or any other heat generating light source	☐	Any apparatus or project material deemed unsafe by the Display & Safety Committee

ELECTRICAL REGULATIONS

Note: when exhibitor is not at display, all electrical power must be disconnected or switched off.

☐	Electrical power supplied to the project is standard 120 Volt, AC single phase, 60 Hz.
☐	Power strips/surge protectors and extension cords must be UL-listed, in good condition, and unmodified.
☐	Electrical devices must be protectively enclosed. Any enclosure must be non-combustible. All external non-current carrying metal parts must be grounded.
☐	Energized wiring, switches, and metal parts must have adequate insulation. Over-current safety devices (ex: fuses) must be inaccessible to anyone other than the exhibitor.
☐	Exposed electrical equipment or metal that may be energized must be shielded with a non-conducting material or with a grounded metal box to prevent accidental contact
☐	An insulating grommet is required at the point where any wire or cable enters any enclosure.
☐	No exposed live circuits over 36 volts are allowed.
☐	There must be an accessible, clearly visible on/off switch or other means of quickly disconnecting from power source.

LASER/LASER POINTER REGULATIONS

☐	Any Class 1, 2, 3A, or 3R lasers are allowed to be used RESPONSIBLY. No other lasers are allowed.
☐	Laser beams may not pass through magnifying optics such as microscopes and telescopes.
☐	Lasers must be labeled by the manufacturer so that power output can be inspected. Lasers without labels will NOT be permitted.
☐	Use of handheld lasers is discouraged.
☐	Lasers will be confiscated with no warning if not used in a safe manner.