

Badger State Science & Engineering Fair

Display & Safety Checklist



General Requirements

The BSSEF Display and Safety Committee is the final authority on display and safety issues for projects approved by the SRC to compete in the BSSEF. Occasionally, the Display and Safety Committee may require students to make revisions in their display to conform to display and safety regulations. It is the finalist's responsibility to make such revisions in a timely manner. Failure to do so may result in action by the Display and Safety committee. In such action, the Display and Safety Committee is not responsible for damage to the project. The committee may also make exceptions to the following rules; approving some items when it is deemed that proper precautions have been made for safety. The Display and Safety committee may approve some items for display only and not for operation during the fair.

Maximum Size of Project

Depth (front to back): 30 inches or 76 centimeters
Width (side to side): 48 inches or 122 centimeters
Height (floor to top): 108 inches or 274 centimeters

Required at Project or in Booth

Each project must have a display board showing the project along with a research paper and a log book.

Not Allowed at Project or in Booth

1. Living organisms, including animals, plants and bacteria cultures
2. Preserved organisms including vertebrate or invertebrate animals, taxidermy specimens, parts of organisms, or plant materials (living, dead, or preserved).
3. Human/animal parts, wastes or body fluids (for example, blood, urine)
4. Photographs or other visual presentations depicting vertebrate animals in surgical techniques, dissections, necropsies, or other lab procedures
5. Human or animal food or microbial culture materials (except small containers of bottled water for personal consumption by the finalist)
6. All chemicals except water.
7. All hazardous substances or devices [for example, poisons, drugs, firearms, weapons, ammunition, reloading devices, and lasers) or any apparatus deemed unsafe by the Display and Safety Committee
8. Dry ice or other sublimating solids
9. Sharp items (for example, syringes, needles, pipettes, knives)
10. Flames, highly flammable materials or any apparatus producing temperatures that will cause physical burns
11. Batteries with open-top cells
12. Awards, medals, business cards, flags, logos, CD's, endorsements, acknowledgments or photographs or other materials identifying the students' school.
13. Active Internet or e-mail connections
14. Prior year's written material or visual depictions on the vertical display board. [Exception: the project title displayed in the Finalist's booth may mention years or which year the project is (for example, "Year Two of an Ongoing Study")]. Continuation projects must have the Continuation Project Form (7) vertically displayed.