



## Diocese of Oakland Science Fair

### Project Construction and Safety Considerations

1. Tables will be provided for displaying projects. A table space of **122 cm (front)** by **76 cm (side)** is allotted to each entry. Height is limited to **274 cm or less**. This size must not be exceeded. Oversized projects will be disqualified.
2. Strong backing and sides are recommended. The project must stand by itself and cannot be fastened to the table or walls in any fashion.
3. **The following items should not be included in exhibits:**
  - a. **Liquids:** No liquids of any kind should be in project displays. If water is part of the experiment, then the apparatus must be displayed without water. If there are bottles of sample liquids in the display, they must be empty.
  - b. **Food:** Food samples may not be included in the display due to allergy concerns. Perhaps drawings, plastic food, or photos could be used. This includes bottles of catsup and so on.
  - c. **Bacteria:** No Petri dishes or test tubes with gel and bacterial colonies may be displayed due to infectious agent concerns. Photos or drawings should be used here too.
  - d. Gravel, sand, and dirt must be tightly enclosed and sealed securely.
  - e. If plants are in the display, they should be completely covered and sealed (either the entire plant or the pot and soil). This includes vermiculite or any product that could be easily scattered.
  - f. Mounted birds, mammals, or any stuffed specimens will not be allowed in Science Fair displays because of the risk of insect infestation.
  - g. Live animals are not permitted in project displays.
4. **Any working electrical apparatus can be powered only by batteries.**
5. Dangerous chemicals, explosives, drugs, hypodermic syringes or needles, or open flames may not be included in any exhibit.
6. Projects must have the same title that was used when the entry form was submitted.
7. **Neither the student's name nor the name of the student's school should appear anywhere on the project.**