



SAFETY SHEET 2026-2028

Middle School Projects



The Illinois Junior Academy of Science

Experimentation or design may involve an element of risk or injury to the student, test subjects and to others. Recognition of such hazards and provision for adequate control measures are the joint responsibilities of the student and sponsor. Any projects that violate any of the safety rules without a special circumstance that has been presented to and accepted by the IJAS State board will be disqualified from the competition.

Follow each of the following steps:

1. The sponsor, student, and parent (when appropriate) need to read ALL of the safety guidelines in the current IJAS Policies and Procedures carefully **PRIOR** to starting the project.
2. Determine whether the project violates any of the IJAS safety regulations. If there are any questions related to any of the safety rules, the sponsor should contact the Regional Safety Chair. Sponsors, students and parents must not contact the State Safety Chair directly.
3. If the Regional Safety Chair has further questions, they should contact the State Safety Chair stating the region and specific questions related to the project. Sponsors, students and parents must not contact the State Safety Chair directly.
4. No project is without any hazards. A blank safety sheet or one without any listed hazards will not be accepted as complete.
5. If the project involves humans in any way, microorganisms, vertebrate animals, or cells or tissue cultures, the proper endorsement form must also be filled out and included with this safety sheet.
6. This Safety Sheet must be included in the paper, on the project board and turned in electronically when the project is entered into the State Competition. (Rules for regional competitions may vary).

Location(s) where procedure was conducted:	_____ If project was done at an outside facility, check here and include a letter from the facility with this form assuring safety was adhered to and that the student role in the project.
Were microorganisms involved in any way?	_____ If yes, check here and fill out a Microorganisms Endorsement sheet
Were humans involved in as a test subjects?	_____ If yes, check here and fill out a Humans Endorsement Sheet
Were cells or tissue cultures involved in any way?	_____ If yes, check here and fill out a Tissue Culture Endorsement Sheet
Were cells or vertebrate animals involved in any way?	_____ If yes, check here and fill out a Vertebrate Animal Endorsement Sheet
Were there any violations of IJAS Safety Rules that were either approved by the IJAS SRC or by a qualified institution?	_____ If yes, check here and include the letter from the IJAS SRC or the qualified institution where the project was conducted.
List any chemicals used:	Precautions taken with use of chemicals:
List any other safety hazards that are not covered on the endorsement sheets:	For each listed safety hazard, describe what precautions were taken: (note this can extend to the next page if needed)

I/We the student(s) who conducted this project have followed each of the steps listed above and have used all of the safety precautions stated.

Signature(s) _____ Date _____

I, the sponsor of this project take responsibility for the instruction of the student on safety precautions and/or verified the safety credentials of any institution with which they worked.

Signature _____ E-mail _____ Date _____