



What Does “Exhibition-Ready” Require?

Pictures must be ready-to-hang.

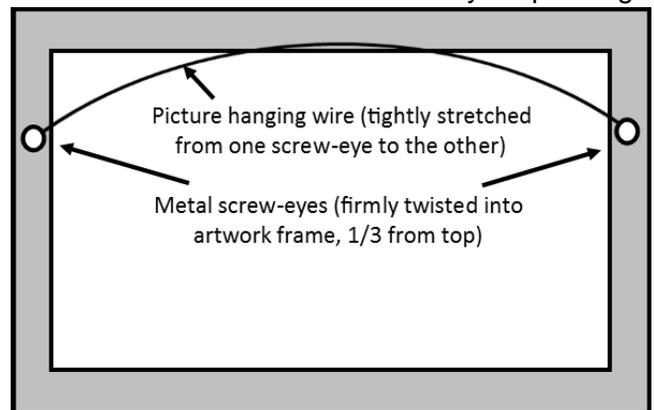
Why? Proper framing for hanging an exhibit is necessary. Aside from presenting a professional look, there is a safety concern surrounding artwork that is not properly framed. Our medical centers are busy locations that encounter frequent traffic from patients, visiting families, wheelchairs and gurneys, food delivery carts, cleaning devices, laundry carts, etc.

While we take care to hang pictures higher than normal and use special hooks for hanging artwork, any hallway hospital traffic can inadvertently brush up against a picture or hanging rod. This can occasionally result in artwork being knocked askew or off the hook. By properly framing your artwork, you can greatly decrease the risk of your artwork being damaged or falling off the wall.

How to Properly Frame Your Artwork for Atlantic Health System Galleries:

- **The Frame:** Artwork must be framed with a sturdy frame. Please note that flimsy plastic frames are not acceptable. If you cannot attach a hanging eye screw or wire holder to the frame, the frame is not acceptable. If your artwork is stretched on gallery-wrapped canvas that is one to three inches deep, it will not require a frame. Any frayed edges or exposed staples must be covered with a frame.
- **Glass or Plexiglas?** If possible please use Plexiglas, also known as acrylic glass or Lucite. We prefer not to accept glass frames since glass shatters in unpredictable ways, is fragile, heavier, and poses a potential safety hazard if a picture is accidentally bumped from the wall.
- **Hanging Wire on Back of Painting/Photograph:** All artwork to be exhibited must have braided picture wire strung across the back of the picture, fastened to a screw eye or other looped device that is fastened to the picture or canvas frame. Please see illustration.

This wire comes in different tensile strengths which should be taken into consideration. If your painting weighs 10 lbs. then the wire should at least be able to support that weight. The wire should be strung about $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{3}$ of the way down from the top of the picture. Use only a single strand of braided wire for this function, as double stringing increases the likelihood of a frame being dislodged should someone bump into it. Hanging hooks or loops embossed into cardboard backing that is found on some flimsy frames is unacceptable because there is a high chance it will tear; hooks or loops must be fastened to the picture or canvas frame.



- **Work Must Be Labelled on the Back:** Each piece should have a label on the back with the following information: Artist Name, Title of the Work, Medium, and contact information such as phone and email. You may also attach your artist’s resume or other information about yourself.
- **Damages:** Atlantic Health System is not responsible for any damage caused by works that fall during the exhibition. For full details, see exhibition loan agreement.

If you have any questions regarding how to frame your work, please contact the exhibition coordinator at your site.