

Examity Flag Breakdown

When it's time for you to review exams, we know that simpler is better. That's why Examity uses four distinctly colored flags to clearly identify any violations or technical issues that occurred during a proctoring session. But, what do the different categories mean, and what are they typically referencing?

In order to better understand, here is a breakdown of each category, including descriptions and helpful examples.



Green Flags - No Violation

Green flags note that significant steps in the proctoring process were completed successfully.

Green Flag Category	Examples
Authentication completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Test-taker successfully performed all three levels of authentication without incident
Exam completed with no violations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Exam was completed and submitted successfully, and no red flags were raised



Yellow Flags - Potential Violation

Yellow flags are issued when a rule is broken but cheating is not apparent.

Yellow Flag Category	Examples
Leaves test area	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Abandoning the test area to retrieve or adjust something in the room (i.e. getting writing utensil, shutting door, etc.)Bathroom break (even if allowed in additional rules)
Pre/Post instructions not followed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Desk or surrounding area is not clearFull room pan was not submittedSpecial instructions were not adhered to
Speaking aloud or to another person	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Reading questions aloudInteracting with someone other than proctor in the room
Suspicious eye/head movement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Moving partially out of webcam frame during examExhibiting frequent or prolonged suspicious eye and/or head movement
Taking exam in public/non-private area	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A person enters or walks through the test areaExam room is in a public place in order to access internet
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Background noise/audioYoung children in the room with test-takerAdditional time used



Red Flags - Violation

Red flags are given when the test-taker exhibits clear cheating behavior.

Red Flag Category	Examples
Attempt to copy, paste or print questions/answers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attempts copy and paste functionality, printing of test questions, or the usage of snipping tool or screen grabs
Dual monitor use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tries to utilize dual monitors
Exam-related conversation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exam-related conversation via chat, email, or in-person
Internet search	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attempts to conduct internet searches to find answers
Unauthorized materials or devices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seeks to use unauthorized devices (i.e phone), materials (i.e. scrap paper, reference materials, etc.) or computer
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proctor's requests ignored by test-taker Inappropriate/hostile behavior Other inappropriate or cheating behavior, as described in comments section



Blue Flags (or alerts) - Technical Issues

Blue flags are reported when a technical issue arises.

Blue Flag Category	Examples
Delay in screen-sharing or poor video/audio quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delay in screenshare Poor sound quality throughout the test Blurry or grainy webcam
Disconnected from the session due to internet, webcam, or LMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Received the message "The connection was lost due to network fluctuation, slow internet, or server being busy" and lost the exam page and/or webcam
Testing platform or password issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exam missing from test platform Exam password issue Issue with elements of exam (i.e. audio)
Unable to upload exam file	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unable to upload exam file
Webcam, microphone, or connection issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Audio lost during proctoring session Webcam video froze during exam session
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Profile image did not import correctly Pop-ups repeatedly displayed during session

Examity's flagging system takes the guesswork out of reviewing exams. If you ever have questions, you can always contact your dedicated account manager for help, and he or she would be happy to walk you through your proctoring reports.