

Lab Safety Student Safety Contract

Purpose: Working in a lab can be an exciting experience, but it can also be dangerous if proper safety rules are not followed at all times. To prepare yourself for a safe year in the lab, please read the following safety rules. Each rule must be followed at all times to ensure your safety.

General Guidelines:

1. Conduct yourself in a responsible manner at all times in the lab.
2. Follow all written and verbal instructions.
3. Do not touch any equipment, chemicals, or other materials in the lab area until you are instructed to do so.
4. No food or drinks are allowed at the lab stations.
5. Never perform investigations your teacher has not authorized.
6. Read all procedures thoroughly before entering the lab.
7. NEVER fool around (horseplay) while in the lab area.
8. Keep your work area clean and tidy at all times. Bring only your lab instructions and needed materials to the lab station.
9. Stay in your assigned area unless instructed to move. When people are wandering around that is when accidents and problems occur.
10. Notify the teacher of any unsafe conditions or spilled liquids.
11. Dispose of materials as instructed...never mix chemicals in the sink.
12. Lab goggles must be worn when using chemicals, heat, or glassware...NO EXCEPTIONS!
13. Long hair should be tied back when dealing with heat and flames. Also be aware of your clothing and jewelry when using flames.
14. Report any accident (spill, breakage, injury, etc.) immediately, no matter how trivial it may appear.
15. All chemicals should be considered dangerous...do not touch, taste, or smell any chemicals unless instructed to by your teacher.
16. When heating a test tube or bottle, point the opening away from yourself and others.
17. Never pick up a container that has been heated without using the proper gloves.
18. Be sure to wash your hands after each experiment.
19. Never leave an experiment or lit Bunsen burner unattended.
20. If doubting anything, ask the teacher before proceeding...if you do not understand something – ASK!!!!

Agreement:

I, _____, have read and agree to follow all of the safety rules set forth in this contract.