

Safety in the Laboratory Contract

Everyone who works in the laboratory should follow these safety precautions. Lab contract must be signed with appropriate signatures and returned to do labs.

1. Wear safety goggles and a laboratory apron in the laboratory at all times. This is a state law.
2. Covered-toe shoes must be worn in the lab. There may be broken glass or spilled acid on the floor. Avoid wearing overly bulky or loose fitting clothing. Remove any dangling jewelry.
3. Conduct only assigned experiments, and do them only when your teacher is present.
4. Know the locations of safety equipment such as fire extinguishers, emergency shower, and fire blanket.
5. Do not chew gum, eat, or drink in the lab. NEVER taste any chemicals. Keep your hands away from your face when working with chemicals. Do NOT chew on a pen or pencil that you have placed on the lab table.
6. Put all solid wastes in designated container. Do NOT put anything down the sinks unless your teacher tells you to.
7. Wash your hands with soap and water at the end of each lab exercise or before you go to the restroom.
8. Read all the directions for a lab procedure before proceeding with the first part. Reread each instruction before you do it.
9. Notify your teacher immediately if any chemicals are spilled.
10. Report all accidents, no matter how slight, to the teacher immediately.
11. Pin or tie back long hair and roll up loose sleeves when working with flames or hazardous materials.
12. Do not leave a lighter or burner unattended.
13. Don't use chipped or cracked glassware. Discard it according to your teacher's instruction.
14. Clean up spills and broken glass immediately. Leave your work area clean at the end of the lab period.
15. Do **NOT** sit or lie on lab counter tops. You do not know what chemicals may have been spilled.
16. Never run or engage in horseplay in the lab. This creates a hazardous situation for you and those around you.
17. Talk only in normal tones. Do **NOT** scream or distract other students. Their safety and yours may depend on hearing verbal instruction from your teachers.
18. Remember that you are responsible for your own safety and the safety of those around you.
19. If in doubt **ASK**.

(Print student name)

(Student signature)

(Date)

(Parent/guardian signature)

(Date)