

Lab Safety Contract

The laboratory is a safe place to work and learn if you, the student, are careful. You must assume responsibility for your own safety and the safety of your classmates. The safety rules listed below will protect yourself and others from injury.

Rules

1. Perform laboratory work only when your teacher is present. Unauthorized or unsupervised experimenting is not allowed.
2. Always read and think about each laboratory assignment before starting. If you have a question about a procedure, ask your teacher for help.
3. Know the location of all the safety equipment in the room.
4. Safety goggles and lab aprons must be worn at all times by all people in the room when anyone is heating, mixing or pouring chemicals.
5. Clear your lab bench of all unnecessary materials before starting work.
6. Check chemical labels twice to make sure you have the correct substance. Some chemical formulas and names differ by only a letter or number but cause drastic problems if mixed the wrong way.
7. Some chemicals will be transferred from a common bottle or beaker to your own test tube or beaker. DO NOT return excess material to the original container unless authorized by your teacher.
8. Avoid unnecessary movement in the laboratory.
9. NEVER taste any laboratory materials. Food and drinks are not allowed in the laboratory.
10. View contents of a test tube from the side and never from the top. Also, never point the open end of the test tube at yourself or anyone else.
11. Any spills or accidents need to be reported to your teacher immediately. Your teacher will inform you of how to take care of it from that point.
12. Carefully follow instructions when disposing of used chemicals.
13. Lab clothing should be worn during all labs. This includes long sleeves and closed-toed shoes. Long hair needs to be pulled back. No baggy clothes.
14. Place broken glass in proper containers that are marked "broken glass only."
15. At the end of a lab, everything must be put back in its exact spot that it was at the beginning of the lab. Also, the entire lab area must be clean before the class is dismissed to their next class.
16. If you don't know something, ASK YOUR TEACHER!!!

Safety Pledge:

I _____, have read and understand the safety rules listed above. I recognize my responsibility and pledge to observe all safety rules in the science classroom at all times.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____