

LABORATORY SAFETY CONTRACT

To ensure that a safe and healthful environment is maintained, all students **MUST** read and follow the safety regulations listed below. To indicate that you have read and understand the safety regulations, you are asked to sign and date this list upon completion of this important task.

1. Safety goggles, apron, and gloves should be worn by everyone (including visitors) upon entering the science laboratory.
2. Please notify your teacher if you wear contact lenses. During some laboratory activities, there is a possibility that chemicals may infuse under the contact lenses and cause irreparable eye damage.
3. You should prepare for each laboratory lesson by reading all instructions before you come to class. Follow all directions and review with your instructor the safety precautions needed to conduct the experiment safely before you begin. Only materials and equipment authorized by your instructor should be used.
4. Everyone should be alert and proceed with caution at all times in the laboratory. Take care not to bump another student, and remain at your lab station while performing an experiment. An unattended experiment can result in an accident.
5. Your apparel should be appropriate for laboratory work. Long hanging necklaces, heavy jewelry, and excessive and bulky clothing should not be worn in the laboratory. Cotton clothing is preferred over nylon, polyester, or wool.
6. Only lab manuals and lab notebooks are permitted in the working areas. Books, purses, and such items should be placed in or at your desk or storage area.
7. No food, beverage, or smoking is permitted in any science laboratory.
8. **NEVER** taste chemicals. **NEVER** touch chemicals with your hands.
9. Extreme caution should be exercised when using a Bunsen burner. Keep your head and clothing away from the flame and turn off the Bunsen burner when it is not in use. Gas burners should be lighted only with a sparker in accordance with your instructor's instructions. Before leaving the laboratory, check to see that all gas valves and hot plates are turned off.
10. You should know the proper fire drill procedures and the locations of fire exits.
11. Work areas and apparatus should be kept clean and tidy. At the conclusion of each laboratory experiment, always clean and wipe dry all apparatus, desks, tables, or laboratory work areas. All equipment that you used during the experiment should be cleaned and returned to the appropriate storage area.
12. Hands should be washed thoroughly with soap at the conclusion of each laboratory period.
13. Everyone should recognize and heed all safety symbols and cautions incorporated in the procedures of the laboratory experiments.
14. All accidents must be reported to the instructor immediately, no matter how minor.
15. **NEVER WORK ALONE IN THE LABORATORY.** You should only work in the laboratory while under the supervision of your instructor.

I have read and agree to abide by the safety regulations as set forth above and also by any additional printed instructions provided by the teacher. I further agree to follow all other written and verbal instructions given in class.

Student Signature

Date