

General Laboratory Safety Rules

Safety of students in class is more important than anything else. You must assume responsibility for the safety of yourself and your classmates. Failure to do so will result in a zero on the assignment and dismissal from class.

1. Accidents do not “just happen”. They are typically the result of carelessness that could have been avoided. Laboratories are no place for practical jokes or playing around.
2. Only perform experiments that have been assigned & approved by the teacher. Follow all teacher **directions**.
3. Study the laboratory investigation before beginning to work in the lab. **Follow all written and verbal instructions**. If in doubt, ask the teacher.
4. **Report** any accident, injury, or incorrect procedure to the teacher immediately.
5. Know the location of, and use of, **safety equipment** (fire extinguisher, sinks to wash hands or eyes)
6. Your eyes are special. Wear **safety goggles** for experiments using chemicals or flames. If anything gets into your eyes, flush them out with water.
7. If acid is spilled, wash it off immediately with water.
8. **Never taste** or **smell** substances unless directed to do so by a teacher.
9. Do not eat, drink or put on makeup while working on a lab.
10. Handle chemicals carefully. Read the label of every bottle or jar before using it. Do not put back unused chemicals into the bottle or jar they came from, they might contaminate it.
11. **Tie back** long hair. Remove dangling jewelry. Roll up loose sleeves.
12. Keep **flammable** chemicals away from the flames.
13. **Never** poke others or yourself with **sharp or hot objects** such as razors pins, glass, etc.
14. At the end of a lab **clean your work area** and sink, wash and put away materials and equipment, turn off water, gas or electrical appliances your were using, and **wash your hands**.

Student Signature: _____ . Date: _____ .