

LABORATORY SAFETY AGREEMENT

I agree to abide by the following safety regulations whenever performing a biology investigation.

1. Be prepared. Study the assigned investigation before you come to class.
2. Be organized. Arrange the materials needed for the investigation in an orderly fashion.
3. Maintain a clean, open work area, free of everything except those materials necessary for the assigned investigation. Store books, book bags, purses out of the way. Keep laboratory materials away from the edge of the work surface.
4. Keep your hands away from sharp or pointed ends of equipment, such as scalpels, dissecting needles, or scissors.
5. Never put anything into your mouth and never touch or taste substances in the laboratory unless specifically instructed to by your teacher.
6. Never smell substances in the laboratory without specific instructions. Even then, do not inhale fumes directly.
7. **Never eat, drink, chew gum**, or apply cosmetics in the laboratory. Do not store food or beverages in the lab area.
8. If you witness an unsafe incident, an accident, or a chemical spill, report it to your teacher immediately.
9. Clean up thoroughly. Dispose of chemicals and wash glassware and instruments according to the teacher's instructions. Clean tables and sinks. Put away all equipment and supplies. Make sure all water, gas jets, burners, and electrical appliances are turned off. Return all laboratory equipment and supplies to their proper places.
10. Approach laboratory work with maturity. Never run, push, or engage in horseplay or practical jokes of any type in the laboratory. Use laboratory materials and equipment only as directed.
11. Report all incidents, accidents, injuries, breakage and spills, no matter how minor, to the teacher.
12. If a chemical spills on your clothing, wash it off immediately with plenty of water and notify the teacher.
13. If any glassware breaks, do not touch the broken pieces with your bare hands. Notify the teacher immediately.
14. All cuts and abrasions received in the laboratory, no matter how small, should be reported to your teacher.
15. During dissection, **only appropriate cutting** (as outlined in directions) is permitted.