LAB SAFETY CONTRACT—CHEMISTRY

Please read the following statements regarding your behavior in the chemistry laboratory.

My teacher has pointed out to my class all of the following safety features in the chemistry laboratory: safety shower, eye wash, fire extinguisher, fire blanket, and emergency exit.

I agree to the following safety procedures when I am in the chemistry laboratory:

1. Wear goggles on my eyes at all times during chemistry laboratory experiments, when using any amount of chemicals or whenever my teacher deems it necessary to wear goggles.

2. Conduct myself in a responsible manner at all times in the laboratory.

3. Follow all written and verbal instructions carefully. If I do not understand a direction or part of a procedure, I will ask the instructor before proceeding.

4. Perform only those experiments authorized by the instructor. I will never do anything in the laboratory that is not called for in the lab procedures or by the instructor. Unauthorized experiments are prohibited.

5. Never remove chemicals or laboratory equipment from the lab area without permission from the instructor.

6. Never enter the chemical storage room or preparation area unless given specific permission from the instructor.

7. Be prepared to work in the laboratory. Read all procedures thoroughly and have any pre-lab assignment completed before coming to lab. Never fool around in the laboratory. Horseplay, practical jokes, and pranks are dangerous and prohibited. Such actions may result in detention, removal from the lab resulting in a failing grade, and/or suspension from school.

8. Do not eat or drink anything during a lab. Leave all food and drink in your locker before coming to class on a lab day.

9. Keep aisles clear. Push my stool or chair under the table when not in use. All personal items must be kept off the floor.

10. Experiments must be personally monitored at all times. You are assigned a laboratory station at which to work. Do not wander around the room, distract others, interfere with the experiments of others, or talk across the room.

11. If possible, contact lenses should not be worn in the laboratory while doing experiments. Wear long pants and closed-toe shoes when performing experiments.

12. Long hair must be tied back while doing experiments.

13. Know what to do if there is a fire drill during a laboratory period; containers must be closed, gas valves turned off, fume hood turned off and sash pulled down, and any electrical equipment turned off.
14. Report an accident or spill to the instructor no matter how trivial it may appear.

15. Never handle broken glass with your bare hands. Notify the teacher for instruction on safe disposal of broken glass.

16. Examine glassware before each use. Never use chipped or cracked glassware, especially when using a Bunsen burner.

17. Follow all teacher instructions regarding waste disposal.

18. Clean up after yourself. Your lab station and table must be clean before leaving class.

Agreement:

I, _______________________________________________________________________, (student’s name) have read and agree to follow all of the safety rules set forth in this contract. I realize that I must obey these rules to ensure my own safety and that of my fellow students. I will cooperate to the fullest extent with my instructor and fellow students to maintain a safe lab environment. I will also closely follow the oral and written instructions provided by the instructor. I am aware that any violation of this safety contract may result in being removed from the laboratory, detention, receiving a failing grade, and/or suspension from school.

__________________________________________________________________________
Student signature

__________________________________________________________________________
Date

Dear Parent or Guardian:

We feel that you should be informed regarding the school’s effort to create and maintain a safe science classroom/laboratory environment.

With the cooperation of the instructors, parents, and students, a safety instruction contract can reduce, prevent, and correct possible hazards.

Your signature on this contract indicates that you have read this Lab Safety Contract, are aware of the measures taken to ensure the safety of your child in the laboratory, and will instruct your child to uphold this agreement to follow these rules and procedures in the laboratory.

__________________________________________________________________________
Parent signature

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Date