

Safety Rules and Contract

This safety contract must be signed and returned before students may participate in lab activities.

Science is an enjoyable, exciting place to learn. You are responsible for your safety and the safety of your classmates. The following are *safety rules* to help guide you in protecting yourself and others from injury.

1. Read and follow all verbal and written instructions. Ask your teacher questions if you do not understand any of the instructions.
2. Take note of every verbal or written caution given for an experiment and be fully prepared to comply with each one.
3. Do not attempt any unauthorized experiment.
4. Do not touch any equipment, supplies or other materials without permission.
5. Never engage in horseplay, practical jokes or pranks during an experiment.
6. Know the location & use of the extinguisher, eye wash and other safety equipment.
7. Keep hands away from face, eyes and mouth during experiments, and wash your hands with soap and water after conducting an experiment.
8. Report any accident, injury, spill or incorrect procedure to your instructor at once.
9. Use safety equipment provided for you. (goggles, aprons, gloves)
10. Long hair should be tied back. Avoid hanging necklaces, bulky jewelry and loose or baggy clothing.
11. Only teacher-approved materials are permitted in the working area.
12. Never eat or drink during the experiment. Never inhale chemicals. Do not taste any substance or draw any material into a tube with your mouth.
13. Handle lab equipment properly. Get help if you do not know how to use something. Do not use chipped, cracked or dirty glassware.
14. After the experiment, clean equipment & return all materials & supplies to their proper places. Clean your area with water. Wash your hands.

Safety contract is on page 2. Please sign and return.

Science Safety Contract

I, _____, am a student at Explorer Middle School. I have read, and understand, the above safety rules and have had the rules explained to me. I understand these guidelines are for my own safety. I will follow these rules when participating in lab activities. I understand that my failure to follow these rules and procedures could result in a hazardous situation for me or for other class members. I realize that my failure to follow these rules and procedures could result in some, or all, of the following:

- a. verbal warning from my teacher
- b. steps for part, or all, of the period
- c. automatic step four, resulting in a parent conference
- d. lowering of the score I receive on the lab activity
- e. suspension of participation in future lab activities
- f. further disciplinary actions as taken by the assistant principal or principal

We have read the above safety rules and understand them. I recognize the need for safe behavior by my child in the science lab. I have read the consequences for failure to comply with proper procedures and rules, and I agree that a safe environment is necessary to conduct science activities.

PRINT Student's Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____