

Science 9 Safety Contract

Science is a hands-on laboratory class. However, science activities may have potential hazards. We will use some equipment that may be dangerous if not handled properly. Safety in the science classroom is an important part of the scientific process. To ensure a safe classroom, a list of rules has been developed and is called a science safety contract. These rules must be followed at all times. Additional safety instructions will be given for each activity.

No science student will be allowed to participate in science activities until both the student and a parent or guardian has signed this contract.

Safety Rules:

1. Conduct yourself in a responsible manner at all times in the science room. Goofing around, practical jokes, and pranks will not be tolerated.
2. Follow all written and verbal instructions carefully. Ask your teacher questions if you do not understand the instructions.
3. Do not touch any equipment, supplies, animals or other materials in the science room without permission from the teacher.
4. Perform only authorized and approved experiments. Do not conduct any experiments when the teacher is out of the room.
5. Consider all chemicals used in the science room to be dangerous. Do not touch or smell any chemicals unless instructed to do so.
6. Never eat, drink, or taste anything in the science room.
7. Keep hands away from face, eyes, and mouth while using science materials or when working with either chemicals or other objects. Wash your hands with soap and water before leaving the science room.
8. Wear safety goggles when instructed. Never remove safety goggles during an experiment. Your teacher will let you know when it is safe to remove your goggles.
9. Report any accident (fire, spill, breakage, etc.), injury (cut, burn, etc.) or hazardous condition to the teacher immediately.
10. Always carry a microscope or triple beam balance with both hands.
11. Use extreme caution when using matches, a burner, or hot plate. Only light burners when instructed and do not put anything into the flame unless specifically instructed to do so. Do not leave the burner unattended.
12. Keep your work area and the science room neat and clean. If you do not clean up your lab/work area, you may not be able to participate in the next lab activity.
13. Clean all work areas and equipment at the end of the experiment. Return all equipment clean, dry, and in working order to the proper storage area.
14. Follow your teacher's instructions to dispose of any waste materials generated in an experiment.
15. Learn where the safety equipment is located and how to use it. Know where all exits are located and what to do in case of an emergency or fire drill.
16. Long hair, dangling jewelry, loose or baggy clothing should be tied back or secured during lab activities. Closed toe shoes **must** be worn during labs.
17. Going and talking with other groups during lab time is **not** allowed.

