



Middle School Science Safety Code of Conduct

1. **Act responsibly** in the lab at all times. Fooling around, misusing materials, engaging in pranks, etc. is prohibited.
2. **Follow all written and verbal instructions** carefully. Ask for clarification if you do not understand instructions.
3. **No student is allowed** to work in laboratory without an instructor present.
4. **Dress appropriately for lab work.** No loose or baggy clothing, sandals, flip-flops or high heels. Tie long hair back. Use an apron if instructed by your teacher.
5. **Clear area** before beginning lab work. Backpacks, jackets, books, water bottles, etc. need to be put away. Only lab materials and equipment should be on a lab table.
6. **No food or beverages are allowed in the laboratory.** Do not taste lab materials. Do not use laboratory glassware as containers for food or beverages.
7. **Know location and procedures** for using first aid and safety equipment such as first aid kit, eye wash, chemical shower, fire extinguisher, and fire blanket.
8. **Do not enter chemical preparation room or storage area** unless directed by instructor.
9. **Do not touch any equipment or lab materials** until instructed to do so. Use materials only as instructed.
10. **Do not use broken or damaged equipment or glassware.** Report damage immediately.
11. **Do not touch your face, eyes, or mouth** while using science materials.
12. **Wear eye protection** anytime heat, chemicals, and/or glassware is used or when directed by instructor.
13. **Stay at your assigned lab station.** Do not wander around the room and disrupt other lab groups.
14. **Report all accidents, injuries or spills immediately to instructor,** regardless of how minor they seem.
15. **Use extreme caution when using sharp tools** (scalpels, scissors, etc.) by keeping sharp tools pointed away from the body during use or storage.
16. **Use two hands to carry a microscope** (one hand under the base, the other on the arm.)
17. **Handle all glassware with care.** Use a hot pad or tongs to pick up hot glassware. If glass breaks, notify your teacher for instructions before cleaning it up.
18. **Use heat sources only as instructed.** Never touch a flame or leave a hot plate or lit lamp unattended.
19. **Treat preserved specimens with respect** and dispose of properly.
20. If your lab involves work with **live animals** (including insects), **wear gloves and handle animals with care.** Notify teacher right away of any bites, scratches, etc.
21. **Follow instructions** for cleanup and directions about where to put waste materials.
22. **Wash your hands with soap and water** after performing all experiments.