

# Lab Safety Rules

During the course of the year, you will be participating in various laboratory exercises and class activities which require strict adherence to the following lab safety rules. Failure to obey these rules will result in a zero for the activity and possibly removal from the class. You will not be allowed to participate in any lab activities until you turn in a signed learning/safety contract – labs missed due to not turning in a learning/safety contract will be counted as zeros when calculating your grade.

1. Always follow the written directions and pre-lab instructions, failure to do so can result in harm to yourself and others.
2. Chemistry: ALWAYS wear safety glasses when doing a lab; Biology, Physics and Integrated Science 3: wear safety glasses when instructed. Not wearing safety glasses when needed will result in a zero on the lab and removal from the lab setting.
3. NEVER eat, drink or chew gum in the laboratory.
4. NEVER apply makeup, lotion, lip balm et cetera in the laboratory.
5. Do not adjust contacts or use eye drops in the laboratory.
6. Wash your hands after handling chemicals or biological specimens.
7. NEVER taste, lick, touch, sniff, or drink any of the chemicals/biological specimens (unless instructed do so by the directions provided by the teacher).
8. Pull back long hair, long or flowing sleeves, and any flammable articles of clothing before using any flame during lab.
9. If you spill a chemical or get a chemical on you immediately consult the teacher for instructions as to how to deal with the situation.
10. If in doubt, ask!
11. Familiarize yourself with the location of the following: emergency shower, eye wash station, fire extinguisher, fire blanket, first aid kit, and exits (use the diagram below to label the location of the previously indicated items).

