



Chemistry Lab Safety Contract

From the American Chemical Society Safety In Academic Laboratories Guidelines, 7th Ed., the following mandatory minimum safety requirements must be followed by all students and be rigorously enforced by all Chemistry faculty:

1. Chemistry Department-approved safety goggles purchased from the De Anza College bookstore (NOT safety glasses) must be worn at all times once laboratory work begins, including when obtaining equipment from the stockroom or removing equipment from student drawers, and may not be removed until all laboratory work has ended and all glassware has been returned to student drawers.
2. Shoes that completely enclose the foot are to be worn at all times; NO sandals, open-toed, or open topped shoes, or slippers, even with socks on, are to be worn in the lab.
3. Shorts, cut-offs, skirts or pants exposing skin above the ankle, and sleeveless tops may not be worn in the lab: ankle-length clothing must be worn at all times.
4. Hair reaching the top of the shoulders must be tied back securely.
5. Loose clothing must be constrained.
6. Wearing "...jewelry such as rings, bracelets, and wristwatches in the laboratory..." should not be worn to prevent "...chemical seepage in between the jewelry and skin...".
7. Eating, drinking, chewing gum, or applying cosmetics in the laboratory is forbidden at ALL times, including during lab lecture.
8. Use of electronic devices requiring headphones in the laboratory is prohibited at ALL times, including during lab lecture.
9. Students are advised to inform their instructor about any pre-existing medical conditions, such as pregnancy, epilepsy, or diabetes, that they have that might affect their performance.
10. Students are required to know the locations of the eyewash stations, emergency shower, and all exits.
11. Students may not be in the lab without an instructor being present.
12. Students not enrolled in the laboratory class may not be in the lab at any time after the first lab period of each quarter.
13. Except for soapy or clear rinse water from washing glassware, NO CHEMICALS MAY BE Poured INTO THE SINKS; all remaining chemicals from an experiment must be poured into the waste bottle provided.
14. Students are required to follow the De Anza College Code of Conduct at all times while in lab: "horseplay", yelling, offensive language, or any behavior that could startle or frighten another student is prohibited.
15. Students are strongly recommended to wear nitrile gloves while performing lab work; wear a chemically resistant lab coat or lab apron; and wear shoes made of leather or polymeric leather substitute.

By signing below, I, _____, _____,
First Name Family Name

acknowledge that I fully understand and agree to abide by the laboratory safety rules listed above. Further, I acknowledge that my failure to abide by these rules may result in my being immediately dropped from this class.

Signature

Date