

Science Laboratory Rules

Please follow these rules at all times while in the laboratory. They have been written to protect everyone in the lab.

1. Always conduct yourself in an acceptable manner while in the lab.
2. Unsupervised work is not permitted. Never attempt investigations without the instructor's knowledge and permission.
3. Eating, drinking, and handling contact lenses while in the lab are unsafe and not allowed.
4. Working in the laboratory without a qualified instructor is not permitted at any time.
5. Always wear safety glasses while in the lab unless you are instructed otherwise.
6. Wear gloves and aprons while doing certain procedures as per your instructor.
7. When using a scalpel remember to never cut towards your body.
8. Before leaving the laboratory always wash your hands thoroughly with soap even if you wore gloves.
9. Wear appropriate clothing while in the lab. Shoes that cover the entire foot should be worn in the lab.
10. When you first enter the lab locate all safety equipment.
11. Handle chemicals carefully and check labels for the identity of chemicals.
12. Never taste, touch, or directly smell chemicals while in the lab.
13. Keep your work area clean and free of clutter. Good housekeeping is a must when working in the lab.
14. Make sure your work area is clean before you leave the lab.
15. Never pipette anything by mouth.]
16. Report any chemical spills, accidents, injuries, etc. to your instructor as soon as it occurs.
17. Never attempt to clean up broken glass. Inform the instructor and let him/her handle it.
18. Only handle live organisms when instructed and was hands with soap and water after handling live organisms and plants.
19. Never sit on the laboratory tables.
20. Sinks are to be used for the disposal of water and other solutions that have been approved for sink disposal. Dispose of all other solutions and supplies as instructed.
21. Glassware should be washed with hot, soapy water, scrubbed, rinsed, and dried before returning it to its proper place.
22. Be alert and use caution when moving about the lab.
23. If you are in doubt about a procedure, always ask the instructor.
24. Never sit or stand on laboratory tables.
25. Remember the rules for safe handling and use of microscopes. Always carry microscopes with both hands. Always store them on low power, and always remove the slides before storage.