

# Student Earth and Environmental Science Laboratory Safety Agreement

In order to conduct safe and effective laboratory activities, all students must follow proper laboratory procedures.

**Please initial each item and sign where indicated.**

## General Rules

1. Prepare for the lab by reading the instructions and safety information ahead of time. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Always stay on task—don't fool around in the lab. No horseplay, pranks, or practical jokes. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Follow all verbal and written instructions given by the instructor. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Never work in the lab unsupervised or perform unauthorized or unapproved experiments. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Do not eat, drink, apply cosmetics, manipulate contact lenses, or chew gum in the lab. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Keep work areas tidy. Keep aisles and exits clear, and move backpacks, jackets, and other personal items out of the way of lab work. \_\_\_\_\_

## Personal Safety

1. Wear approved eye protection properly **at all times** while you perform lab work. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Wear any additional safety equipment (aprons, gloves, etc.) as directed by the instructor. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Wear closed-toe shoes, (sneakers or boots) that provide ankle support, tie back long hair, avoid loose or baggy clothing, and avoid short skirts or shorts while performing lab work. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Report all accidents, spills, or injuries to the instructor immediately. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Know how to use all classroom safety equipment and its location. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Know the location of the nearest exit. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water after handling any laboratory materials. \_\_\_\_\_

## Laboratory Safety

1. Consider all lab chemicals and specimens to be dangerous. Do not touch, smell, or taste any chemicals or specimens unless specifically instructed to do so. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Read the label on the bottles carefully before using chemicals. Be sure you're using the correct chemical at the correct concentration before removing it from the bottle. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Do not remove chemicals, specimens, equipment, or other supplies from the lab. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Follow proper procedures when operating a burner or heat source. Always turn the device off when not in use. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Do not handle broken glass with bare hands. Use a brush and dustpan to clean up broken glass and place in a designated glass disposal container. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Dispose of all waste materials only as directed by the instructor. \_\_\_\_\_

## Field Studies

1. Stay with your class for the duration of the field investigation. Do NOT wander off. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Know where the first aid kit is at all times. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Use gloves when handling plants or animals. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Wear a hat and use sun protection on exposed skin. Minimize skin exposure to prevent burns, bug bites, and allergic reactions. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Be aware of changing or hazardous weather conditions. \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Be able to identify poisonous plants such as poison ivy, oak, and sumac before going outside. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Be careful where you step. Ground cover may be hiding hazards such as holes and roots. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Inform your teacher of allergies to plants or insect bites. If you need to use an EpiPen® for severe allergies, make sure you always have it with you, and inform your teacher of its location while you are outside. \_\_\_\_\_
9. Do NOT dispose of any waste products or waste chemicals outside. All waste products should be collected and returned to the classroom for proper disposal. \_\_\_\_\_
10. Do NOT enter any body of water. You do not know the depth, velocity, or cleanliness of the water. \_\_\_\_\_
11. Do NOT remove any living specimen from its habitat. \_\_\_\_\_
12. If the activity requires disturbing a habitat (e.g., digging a hole or constructing a grid), restore the area to its original condition when finished. \_\_\_\_\_
13. Gather all tools and equipment and return them to the classroom when finished. \_\_\_\_\_
14. Wash hands and any exposed skin thoroughly with soap and water upon returning to the classroom. \_\_\_\_\_
15. Complete a tick/insect check upon returning to the classroom. Inform your teacher if you find a tick embedded in your skin. \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have allergies or other medical conditions that your instructor should be aware of?

Yes

No

If yes, please describe.

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*I have read and fully understand the rules, safety practices, and regulations governing my conduct in the science laboratory. I will abide by these rules to ensure my safety and the safety of all laboratory participants. I will follow all written and verbal instructions given by the instructor and ask questions if I do not understand a direction or procedure. I understand that violation of these rules may result in removal from the laboratory, removal from the science class, a lowered grade, or other consequences as determined by the instructor.*

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Student

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Date

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Parent/Guardian

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Date