

Laboratory Safety Guidelines
Wellesley High School

1. Serious, responsible behavior is expected in the laboratory at all times.
2. You are expected to follow all directions given by your instructor at all times.
3. Safety glasses must be worn when work involves toxic chemicals or the possibility of eye contact from material being used. If the instructor informs you that safety glasses are required for this lab, you **MUST** wear the goggles. Contact lenses are not always allowed since some chemicals which can get stuck behind the lenses cannot be removed easily. Some safety goggles may be worn over prescription glasses.
4. Know the location and understand the usage of the following safety features of the classroom: fire extinguisher, fire blanket, safety shower, eyewash, and emergency exits.
5. Sandals are not permitted in the laboratory. Feet must be completely covered to protect against injury from spilled chemicals or broken glass.
6. Long hair must be tied back to avoid contact with chemicals, flames, and equipment.
7. Eating and drinking are prohibited in the laboratory.
8. Report all accidents and injuries to the instructor immediately.
9. Food is not allowed on the lab benches.
10. Do not return unused portions of chemicals to the reagent bottles. This could contaminate the chemicals. Measure materials carefully and consult instructor on the proper disposal of each chemical.
11. Clean up all spills immediately. Broken glass must be disposed of in the marked container. Always consult your instructor on the proper way to handle cleanup of spills.
12. **DO NOT** perform any experiments that are not authorized and supervised by the instructor. **DO NOT** use any equipment in the laboratory for any purpose other than how you have been instructed.
13. Never taste chemicals in the laboratory. When smelling chemicals, “waft” the smell toward you by waving your hand. Do not put your nose directly into the chemical.

I have read these guidelines and agree to follow them. I understand that failure to follow these guidelines could cause danger to myself or to others. Therefore, I understand that I may not earn points from my lab grade or I may be asked to leave the laboratory.

Signature of Student

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date