Laboratory Safety Symbols and Rules



Electrical Hazard



Combustible Materials



No Open Flames



Corrosive Materials



Flammable Symbol



Fire Extinguisher



Toxic Chemical



Non-potable water



Environment Hazard



Eyewash Sign



Recycling Sign



Toxic Materials Sign



Explosive Materials Sign Flammable Sign





Radioactive Sign



Biohazard Sign



General Safety Rules:

- 1. Read all directions for an experiment and follow the directions exactly as they are written. If in doubt, ask the teacher.
- 2. Never perform experiments that are not authorized by your teacher. Always obtain permission before experimenting on your own.
- 3. Never handle any equipment unless you have specific permission.
- 4. Take care not to spill any materials in the lab. If a spill occurs, ash your teacher immediately about the proper clean-up procedure.
- 5. Dispose of all material according to the teacher's instructions. Never empty materials into the sink or trash can.
- 6. Never eat in the laboratory. Wash your hands before and after each experiment.
- 7. Never horse play or run in the laboratory. This will earn you a zero and dismissal from
- 8. Know the location and function of all laboratory safety equipment.

Laboratory Dress Code:

- 1. Always wear goggles anytime sharp instruments or chemicals are used in the laboratory.
- 2. Tie back long hair and loose clothing when performing laboratory experiments involving open flames.
- 3. Remove jewelry before lab activities.
- 4. Always wear closed-toed shoes in the laboratory.

First Aid:

- 1. Report all accidents to the teacher immediately.
- 2. Apply direct pressure to any severe cuts to stop the bleeding
- 3. Know the location of the first aid kit
- 4. Know the location and use of the fire blanket.

Heating and Fire Safety:

- 1. Never reach across an open flame.
- 2. Know how to light and extinguish the Bunsen burner, never leave a burner unattended.
- 3. Point the test tube or bottle away from you and others when being heated; chemicals can rapidly boil out of the container.
- 4. Never heat a liquid in a closed container.
- 5. Always use a clamp or tongs when handling hot containers.

Chemical Safety:

- 1. Never touch, taste, or smell, any questionable chemicals in the laboratory without the teacher's permission.
- 2. Only as instructed by the teacher, gently wave your hand over the opening of a container toward your nose. Do not inhale fumes directly from the container.
- 3. Keep all lids to chemicals closed.
- 4. Dispose of all chemicals as instructed by your teacher.
- 5. Pour acids and bases over a sink incase of spillage.
- 6. Never pour water into an acid, pour the acid into the water.
- 7. Never eat or drink from any laboratory glassware.
- 8. Never use chipped or broken glassware, cuts and scratches can occur.

Electrical Safety:

- 1. Make sure electronic equipment is OFF when plugging or unplugging from an outlet.
- 2. Make sure the work area for electrical equipment is clean and dry.
- 3. Do not "daisy-chain" electrical power cords.
- 4. Inspect power cords for cuts or abrasions that revel bare copper wire.
- 5. Be very aware of the location of power cords to avoid tripping and damage to persons.

End of Laboratory activity rules:

- 1. Clean all laboratory equipment and return to their locations
- 2. Unplug and store properly any electrical device.
- 3. Wash your hands after every experiment.
- 4. Extinguish all candles and burners and the conclusion of the lab activity.
- 5. Turn off all gas lines to the Bunsen burners.

Be safe, enjoy, and follow the lab rules!