
Science Safety Rules and Procedures

for Elementary Science (not a conclusive list)

1. Read all written instructions before doing an activity.
2. Listen to all instructions and follow them carefully.
3. Make sure you understand all the safety labels. (WHMIS symbols)
4. Always ask your teacher if you do not understand.
5. Wear proper safety protection as instructed by teacher.
6. Never remove your goggles during an activity.
7. Tie back long hair and avoid wearing loose clothing such as scarves, ties or long necklaces.
8. Know the location of safety and first aid equipment, including fire extinguisher, fire blanket, first-aid kit, and fire alarm. Never play with the safety equipment.
9. Work carefully and make sure that your work area is not cluttered.
10. Always cut away from yourself and others when using a knife or razor blade.
11. Always keep the pointed end of scissors or any other sharp object facing away from yourself and others if you have to walk with it.
12. Dispose of broken glass as your teacher directs.
13. Do not smell a substance directly, fan the smell toward you with your hand.
14. Never eat or drink in the laboratory.
15. Never drink or taste any substances.
16. Never use cracked or broken glassware.
17. Make sure that your hands are dry when touching electrical cords, plugs, or sockets.
18. Handle hot objects carefully.
19. Tell your teacher immediately if an accident or spill occurs, no matter how minor.
20. Never do any experiment without the approval and direct supervision of your teacher.
21. Clean equipment before you put it away.
22. Dispose of materials as directed by your teacher.
23. Clean up your work area upon completion of your activity.
24. Wash hands carefully with soap and water after handling chemicals, after all spills and at the end of each activity.