

Piedmont Technical College Lab Safety Statement

1. The laboratory is an exciting place to work and learn if you, the student, are careful. The following safety procedures are important in any lab situation. The purpose of this contract is to remind you that you must assume responsibility for your own safety and for the safety of your classmates.
2. Follow written and verbal directions carefully. Note any special warnings.
3. Familiarize yourself with all the safety equipment in your classroom.
4. Never eat, drink, or chew gum in the laboratory.
5. Never run, roughhouse, or engage in inappropriate behavior of any kind in the lab. Inappropriate behavior will result in loss of laboratory privileges for a specified length of time or expulsion from the laboratory. Loss of lab privileges will result in a lower grade.
6. Accidents do happen. Report any accident, injury, incorrect procedure and/or broken/damaged equipment immediately (even if the accident/problem is minor)!
7. Any time heat or chemicals are used, you will be required to wear laboratory goggles (even if you are not directly involved in the experiment).
8. Use extra care when working with heat, open flame, or chemicals.
9. Dress properly: no loose hair, baggy clothes, dangling jewelry, or open-toed shoes.
10. Keep your lab area free of unnecessary materials (such as backpacks and books).
11. Never perform unauthorized experiments. This will result in disciplinary action.
12. Do not return unused chemicals to their original container.
13. Dispose of waste properly per the instructor's directions.
14. Clean your work area, and return equipment to its proper place. Leave lab areas clean and dry. Wash your hands before leaving the laboratory.
15. Use your common sense, and always ask questions if there is something you don't understand!