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1 - Always wear safety goggles whenever you are working with chemicals or other substances that might get into your eyes.

2 - Never reach across a flame.

3 - Immediately notify your teacher if any chemical gets on your skin or clothing to find out what to do to clean it off.

4 - Never look directly into a test tube when mixing or heating chemicals.

5 - Always point a test tube away from you and others when heating it over a flame or other heat source.

6 - Never smell a chemical directly from the container. Wave your hand over the opening of the container and “waft” the fumes towards your nose.

7 - Never taste a chemical unless you are instructed by your teacher to do so.

8- Always dispose of used and/or spilled chemicals in the proper manner, as instructed by the teacher.

9 - Always clean up your work area and clean the equipment (as instructed by the teacher) after an experiment is completed. Equipment must be returned to its proper place.

10 - Read and follow all directions exactly as they are written. If in doubt, ask your teacher for help!

11 - Never mix chemicals (or perform tests) without your teacher’s permission.

12 - Never run (or push someone else) in the lab. If you are running, we will assume you are on fire and we will “put you out.”

- 13 - Keep lids on bottles and containers when not in use.
- 14 - Never use broken or chipped glassware. Also be sure that glassware is clean before using.
- 15 - Keep your work area clean and keep all materials (clothing, hair, papers, etc.) away from a flame or heat source.
- 16 - Immediately notify your teacher if you get a cut or have another injury when performing an experiment.
- 17 - Wash your hands before and after each experiment.
- 18 - No horseplay in the lab. Do not throw things or act erratically.
- 19 - Stand (do not sit on stool) when working with chemicals and Bunsen Burners.
- 20 - Never lean back on the lab stools – they tip over very easily.
- 21 - Tie up long hair and remove hats when working in the lab.
- 22 - Ask teacher for proper procedures before pouring chemicals in the lab.
- 23 - Be sure to work safely around electrical connections.
- 24 - Ensure that backpacks and coats are stored under your desk and out of the way so that people can safely move around the classroom.
- 25 - If you break glassware, be sure to ask teacher for proper disposal instructions. Broken glass must be deposited in the designated container.
- 26 - Never leave Bunsen Burner in a dangerous location and never walk away from a lit Bunsen Burner.

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