

Biological Laboratory Safety





TEKS

B.1A Demonstrate safe practices during laboratory and field investigations

Prerequisite Questions

• What does it mean to be safe?

• List some unsafe behaviors...

General Expectations

• FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN BY THE TEACHER! (most of the

answers on the safety quiz involve telling your teacher when a mishap occurs)

- •NO HORSEPLAY
- •NEVER EAT OR DRINK WHILE EXPERIMENTING
- •KEEP YOUR WORK AREA CLEAN AND UNCLUTTERED







Dress Code



- Wear safety goggles for the entire experiment over your eyes.
- Wear an apron to protect your clothes
- Tie back long hair and dangling sleeves.
- Take off loose and long jewelry.
- Wear closed toed shoes.

First Aid



- Report all accidents-big or small to the teacher.
- Know where the safety shower, eye wash station, and fire blanket/extinguisher are located.
- Know where the fire exit is located.
- Know the location of the first aid kit.



Chemical Safety



- Always point containers of open chemicals (beaker, test tubes, etc.) away from yourself and others.
- Never touch, taste or smell anything unless instructed by the teacher.
- Use CAUTION when pouring liquids (especially clear liquids)
- Use CAUTION when working with acids and bases.
- Ask the teacher about how to dispose of waste.

Using Glassware Safely

- If glassware is chipped or cracked, notify the teacher.
- If you break glass, notify the teacher
- DO NOT pick up the broken pieces.
- Glass is cheap Do not risk cutting yourself.





Sharp Instruments

- Handle sharp instruments with care.
- Know where the blade is at all times when handling sharps.
- Cut everything on a table/countertop, not in your hand.





Application of Knowledge

What is the most important safety feature in this classroom?

Think about your answer for 30 seconds.

• Be ready to share...

Lab Accident Photos

• Take Lab Safety SERIOUSLY!

Warning:

Disturbing images coming...

Chemical Burns

• Strong Base Burn



• Strong Acid Burn



Contact lens melted to eye

Heat Burns

First Degree



Second Degree

Third Degree





Glass/Scalpel Cuts



Horseplay and Broken bones





Concept Mastery Questions

• Why is it important to be safe in a science lab setting?

Activity: Safety Scavenger Hunt

 You will be given 3 minutes to move around the classroom and record as many of the safety features that you can find on your lab map.

• We will discuss safety more after the lab activity.

The MOST Important Question

• What is the most important safety feature in this science classroom?

• Answer: ?????

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• What is the most important safety feature in this science classroom?

• Answer: YOUR BRAIN!!!!!!