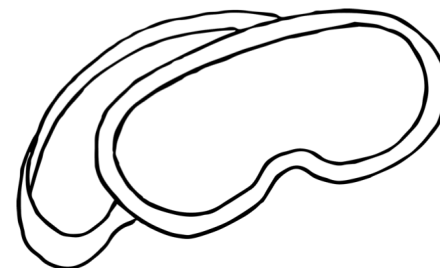


# Lab Safety

Science labs are designed for you to experiment and test the topics you are learning in class. Labs are a great privilege and can be an exciting way to learn. Labs can also be dangerous, but by following proper safety procedures & rules of behavior, you can reduce the chance of an accident. Here are some rules to follow to keep you safe:

1. Never work in the lab without an adult present.
2. Follow all directions.
3. Only do the activities you were directed to do by the adult.
4. Never fool around in the lab. Stay at your work station & raise your hand if you have a question.
5. Wear appropriate clothing, roll up your sleeves, and tie your hair back.
6. Keep your area free of clutter.
7. Learn how to properly use lab equipment.



Your conduct and attitude, or how you behave, is the most important part of lab safety. Safe lab behavior means you never throw or toss objects, touch any equipment you were told not to, never push others or play jokes, and always follow directions you were given from the teacher. Depending on the lab experiment, you may need protective clothing such as goggles, gloves, or aprons. Always handle hot containers properly and with caution & be careful when using anything that needs electricity. Pay attention to labels, instructions, and always be aware of your surroundings. Be particularly careful with glassware and other equipment that belongs to your teacher. If an accident DOES occur, stay calm and alert the teacher immediately.