**Student Lab Safety Contract**

**A safe laboratory environment for all students is a priority in Biological Sciences. To ensure that you are aware of potential hazards while working in the laboratory, please read the following policy procedure and sign below.**

1. Follow all instructions given by the instructor and lab manual including special directions for all individual experiments. Never perform unauthorized experiments or use any lab equipment or instruments without proper instruction.

2. Never work in the laboratory unless the instructor is present. Never enter the stock/supply rooms.

3. Proper eye protection is to be worn when the potential for eye injury exists (inform the instructor of contact lenses): spilling or splashing of hazardous chemicals or hot liquids.

4. **All spills must be reported immediately to the instructor for appropriate cleanup.**

5. Proper clothing is to be worn to protect against burns and/or chemical spill: lab aprons/coats, gloves or goggles as appropriate. No open shoes, short pants or short skirts, or dangling jewelry is allowed in the laboratory. Long hair is to be tied back or confined.

6. Do not eat, or drink, or smoke anything in the lab at any time (this includes gum and smokeless tobacco products).

7. Consider every chemical to be potentially dangerous. Avoid inhaling fumes, tasting, touching, or smelling any chemical unless specifically told to do so by the instructor. If chemicals splash on skin or clothing, rinse immediately with large quantities of water.

8. Nothing is to be taken from the laboratory unless checked out to you in writing by the instructor.

9. Never force glass tubing into a cork or stopper.

10. Never point a test tube toward yourself or anyone else.

11. Only pins and specimens are allowed in dissecting trays. Instruments not being used are to remain in the kit. Those in use are to be placed on a paper towel beside the tray.

12. Discard only those liquids or solids in the sink as indicated by the instructor.

13. Keep all non-laboratory materials other than notebooks away from all stations.

14. Note the location and be familiar with the operation of any safety equipment.

15. **The instructor must be immediately notified in the event of an accident or safety concern.**

I have read the above and agree to abide by all conditions and directions given by the instructor.

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(Student Name; printed) (Student signature) (Date)