

SAFETY IN THE LAB
JACKSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BIO 131: GENERAL BIOLOGY

Student Name: _____ Instructor: _____

1. Food, drinks, gum, cosmetics and candy may not be out or consumed in the laboratories at any time.
2. Read the label on any chemical you use! MSDS sheets that describe the hazards associated with any chemical are housed in the biology prep area (JM 134)
3. Always wash your hands before beginning a lab, before you leave the room and when you return from a break (e.g. restroom).
4. Open-toed shoes are prohibited in the lab. Hair that is shoulder-length or longer must be pulled back and secured with a band or barrette. Avoid clothing with long sleeves or decorations that could become a fire hazard.
5. Never, under any circumstances, leave an open flame or running hot plate unattended.
6. Keep your lab space clean and organized. Place books, backpacks & jackets in the space provided at your lab table.
7. Dispose of biohazardous waste materials in the approved biohazard container. Notify your instructor of any broken glass so that it can be disposed of safely.
8. Notify your instructor immediately of any injury, spill or damage to equipment.
9. Know the location of emergency equipment and how to use it. This includes the eye wash station, emergency shower, fire extinguisher and fire blanket.
10. Come to lab prepared. Be sure to review the written procedures in advance.
11. Horseplay, practical jokes, etc. are dangerous and strictly forbidden in the lab.
12. If your immune system is compromised (i.e. illness, pregnancy, etc.) please notify your instructor so that appropriate measures can be taken to protect your health.

I the undersigned, acknowledge, appreciate and agree that:

1. There are inherent risks involved with participation in laboratory activities, and I choose to voluntarily participate with full knowledge that said may potentially be hazardous to me. I agree to follow the safety procedures outlined above and all instructions of my instructors. I understand that I may be forbidden from participating in the laboratory session and future laboratory courses if I violate any safety rule or procedure.
2. I voluntarily assume full responsibility for any risk of personal injury, including death, which may be sustained by me as a result of my participation. There may also be other risks which are not fully known or readily apparent.
3. I hereby release, waive, and discharge College and its Board of Trustees, its officers, agents, employees and representatives from all claims, demands, liabilities, rights and causes of action of whatever kind or nature, that may result from or occur during my participation, whether caused by negligence of the College, its Board of Trustees, officers, agents, employees or representatives or otherwise. I also agree to indemnify and hold harmless the College for any loss, liability, damage or costs, including court costs and attorney's fees that may occur as a result of my negligent or intentional act or omission while participating in this course.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND HAVE HAD SUFFICIENT TIME TO SEEK EXPLANATION OF THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED ABOVE. AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION, I SIGN THIS DOCUMENT VOLUNTARILY AND WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

Student's signature: _____

Printed name: _____

Date: _____