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2. Follow the lab procedure **exactly** as it says – this is not a time to be creative. Improper combinations or amounts of chemicals can be very dangerous. Ask me if you are unsure of the correct procedure.
3. Take your time to read instructions and labels carefully in order to avoid mistakes (many chemical formulas are similar to each other).
4. Do not leave Bunsen burners on unless you are working with it.
5. Goggles must be worn at **all times** in the lab...no exceptions.
6. Know how to use the safety equipment and where it's located in the lab (fire extinguisher, eye wash, etc).
7. Keep long hair and clothing tied back or tucked in to avoid flames and knocking over glassware.
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10. When heating a test tube, never point it at anyone.
11. Do not put any solids or other materials (matches, paper trash, etc) down the sink unless told to do so. Lab sinks are not garbage disposals!
12. Never put back extra chemicals in their original containers in order to avoid contamination.
13. Immediately report any spills, accidents, or injuries to me.
14. Wash hands with soap and water before leaving the lab!
- 15. Working in the lab is not play time or social hour. Anyone who is not following the procedure or is fooling around will be asked to return to their seats and will receive a zero for the lab.**

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I have read and understand these rules and agree to abide by them to ensure a safe experience in Chemistry class. Please return to me by **Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>**.

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