Sixty Seconds to Safer Science - Safety Contracts

Safety contracts for students – nice idea but no legal status unless the kid is 18 (in most states!). Instead, develop a safety acknowledgment form which has three sections.

The first section states the lab is an unsafe place and to make it SAFER, safety protocols must be followed.

Second, provide the list of safety protocols from your original safety contract or NSTA's protocol list.

Third, have students and parents sign-off and date – acknowledging that they have read the form and students are in fact responsible to make it a SAFER learning/working environment for all by adhering to the protocols. Also include a progressive discipline policy in the form and be ready to enforce it.

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