Organic Lab Safety Rules

Note: All students are expected to read and understand the following guidelines.

1. Approved chemical safety goggles must be worn in the lab at all times and by all students.
2. Do not attempt to carry out lab work in a section other than your own, no matter how small the task. Never enter an unattended laboratory.
3. Familiarize yourself with the location and operation of safety equipment in and around the laboratory, including the telephone, fire extinguishers, safety showers, fire blankets, and eyewash fountains.
4. Immediately report all accidents to your laboratory instructor.
5. Flames and flame-generating devices are prohibited from all laboratories unless specifically allowed by the instructor.
6. Work in a fume hood when using volatile or noxious compounds.
7. Maintain a tidy work space and immediately clean up any spills. Do not contaminate environmental surfaces with chemical compounds.
8. Unauthorized experiments are not allowed. If in doubt, check with the instructor.
9. Running, shouting, shoving, or other horseplay in the laboratory is not tolerated.
10. Food and drink are prohibited from the laboratory area at all times.
11. Students may not use cell phones, mp3 players, or other distracting devices during laboratories.
12. Always carefully consider the actions you take and their potential consequences. Take every precaution to minimize risk of physical injury and chemical exposure to you and your lab mates.
13. Hard-soled, closed-toed shoes must be worn at all times. Sandals, flip-flops, and moccasins are strictly prohibited.
14. Shorts or short skirts may not be worn to lab at any time. Likewise, tank tops or shirts leaving a bare midriff are not allowed.
15. Students are encouraged to wear old clothes to lab. A lab coat is also recommended.
16. Long hair must be tied back or otherwise secured to prevent contamination and keep it safe from apparatus with moving parts.
17. Gloves should be worn any time chemical compounds are being manipulated.
18. Dispose of hazardous waste only in containers approved for that use.

My signature below indicates that I have read and understand the Organic Laboratory Safety Rules above, and I agree to abide by them:

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Printed Name

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Signature _______________________________ Date ________________