General Science Safety Checklist

The following is a suggested checklist of safety concerns in K-12 science laboratories.



- [ ] 1. Appropriated protective equipment for the science laboratory
- [ ] 2. Enforcement of safety procedures
- [ ] 3. All students and teachers know the local of all protective equipment
- [ ] 4. All students read and sign a lab safety contract.
- [ ] 5. Sufficient, accessible lab stations per number of students in each laboratory
- [ ] 6. All students must wear proper safety goggles whenever chemicals, glassware, or heat is used
- [ ] 7. Equipment and chemical inventory maintained
- [ ] 8. Chemicals properly arranged by compatibility and securely stored
- [ ] 9. Restricted amounts of chemicals
- [ ] 10. Adequate labeling on equipment, chemicals and hazards
- [ ] 11. Material Safety Data Sheets
- [ ] 12. Unobstructed exits from laboratory
- [ ] 13. Uncluttered laboratories
- [ ] 14. Master shut-off switches for gas, water and electricity
- [ ] 15. Safety Rules and charts posted
- [ ] 16. Records kept on safety training and lab incidents
- [ ] 17. Emergency exit/escape plan posted

- [ ] 18. Live animals and students are protected from one another

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