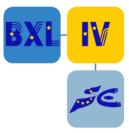


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- Listen to your teacher and follow their instructions carefully!
- Learn emergency procedures: be sure you know where to find a fire extinguisher, a first aid kit, an eye wash station, a broken glass receptacle, and check which is your emergency exit route;
- Store coats and bags in designated areas: not on the floor or on the benches;
- Move carefully in the lab and never run;
- Do <u>not</u> eat or drink in the laboratory (the only possible exception is during your kitchen lab);
- Mever taste or sniff chemicals;
- Long hair must be tied back to avoid catching fire;
- Wear gloves and safety goggles if you are using dangerous materials, such as acids and bases;
- All experiments that produce or use chemicals that release poisonous, harmful fumes or vapours must be done under a fume hood;
- Be careful when handling hot glassware and apparatus in the laboratory. Use tongs or special heat resistant gloves. Place hot objects on a heat-resistant surface;
- Do not leave lit Bunsen burners unattended;
- Always turn devices off when not in use;
- Keep electrical equipment away from water;
- Do not block the sink drains with debris;
- Use a clean spatula/spoon or pipette for each chemical to prevent contamination;
- Report all accidents, spills, or injuries to the teacher immediately;
- Do not handle broken glass with bare hands. Use a brush and dustpan to clean up broken glass and place it in a designated glass disposal container;
- Use equipment with respect and care. Clean up the work area and replace the materials on the trolley once the experiment is complete;
- Dispose of all waste according to proper procedures: some chemicals can be washed down the sewer, while others require a special disposal method. If in doubt, leave the waste on the trolley in a closed container, writing the name of the substance used: the lab technician will dispose of it in the correct way.
- Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and warm water once clean-up is finished.