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- 2. No eating or drinking in the lab.**
- 3. Never rush around or throw things in the lab.**
- 4. Keep your bench and floor area clear, with bags and coats well out of the way.**
- 5. Follow instructions precisely, only touch or use equipment and materials when told to do so by a member of staff.**
- 6. Wear eye protection when told to do so and keep it on from the very start until all practical work is finished and cleared away.**
- 7. Report any accidental or breakage to the teacher.**
- 8. When using a naked flame (e.g. Bunsen burner, spirit burner or candle), make sure that ties, hair, baggy clothing etc are tied back or tucked away.**
- 9. Always stand up for any practical work.**
- 10. Never put anything in your mouth in the laboratory.**
- 11. Always wash your hands carefully after handling chemicals, microbes or plant and animal material.**
- 12. If you are burnt or some chemical splashes onto your skin, wash the affected area at once with lots of water. Tell your teacher.**
- 13. Never put waste solids in the sink. Put them in the bin unless your teacher instructs you otherwise.**
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