Safety in the classroom

Learning to use materials and equipment safely is central to working scientifically. It is important, to review each lesson before teaching to identify and manage safety issues specific to a group of students.

The following guidelines will help minimise risks:

• Be aware of the school’s policy on safety in the classroom and for excursions.
• Carry out activities beforehand to identify potential risks.
• Caution students about potential dangers before they start any activity.
• Clean up spills immediately as slippery floors are dangerous.
• Instruct students never to taste, smell or eat anything unless they are given permission.
• Discuss and display a list of safe practices for science activities.