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# FIRST THINGS FIRST: SAFETY

This section of the manual is the most important of all. Please take care to follow the rules carefully.

## **GENERAL RULES**

- 1. Conduct yourself in a responsible manner always with the kit.
- 2. Follow all written and verbal instructions carefully. If you do not understand a direction or part of a procedure, rather wait to ask your teacher at school or send us a message on info@nkazisciences.co.za.
- 3. Never work alone, always have someone older than you around.
- 4. Perform only those experiments in the kit. Unauthorized experiments are not allowed.
- 5. Do not eat food, drink beverages, or chew gum while conducting experiments.
- 6. Horseplay, practical jokes and pranks are dangerous and prohibited.
- 7. Be prepared for your work. Read all procedures thoroughly before starting with any experiment.
- 8. Always work in a well-ventilated area.
- 9. Observe good housekeeping practices. Work areas should be kept clean and tidy at all times
- 10. Dispose of all chemical waste properly as indicated in the manual.
- 11. Keep hands away from face, eyes, mouth, and body while using chemicals or lab equipment. Wash your hands with soap and water after performing all experiments.
- 12. Experiments must be personally monitored at all times. Do not wander around the room.

#### CLOTHING

- 1. Protective gear has to be comfortable.
- 2. Any time chemicals, heat, or glassware are used, wear safety goggles. NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE!
- 3. Contact lenses may not be worn in the laboratory.
- 4. Dress properly during an experiment. Long hair, dangling jewellery, and loose or baggy clothing are a hazard. Shoes must completely cover the foot. No sandals to be worn when conducting experiments.

#### **ACCIDENTS AND INJURIES**

- 1. If there is a spillage, wash with water.
- 2. If a chemical should splash in your eye(s) or on your skin, immediately flush with running water for at least 20 minutes.

## HANDLING CHEMICALS

- 1. All chemicals in the kit are to be considered dangerous. Avoid handling chemicals with fingers. When making an observation, keep at least 1 meter away from the reaction. Do not taste, or smell any chemicals.
- 2. Check the label on all chemical bottles twice before removing any of the contents. Take only as much chemical as you need.
- 3. Never return unused chemicals to their original container.

4. Never remove chemicals or other materials from the kit.

# HANDLING GLASSWARE AND EQUIPMENT

- 1. Never handle broken glass with your bare hands. Use a brush and dustpan to clean up broken glass.
- 2. Do not immerse hot glassware in cold water. The glassware may shatter.

# **HEATING SUBSTANCES**

- 1. Do not operate a hot plate by yourself. Take care that hair, clothing, and hands are a safe distance from the hot plate at all times. Use of hot plate is only allowed in the presence of an adult.
- 2. Never look directly into a container that is being heated.

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CHEMICALS			APPARATUS	
Acetic acid	50ml		Aluminium foil	
Ammonium chloride	10g		Alligator wires	2
Barium chloride		10g	Battery 9V	1
Benzoic acid		10g	Battery holder (AA)	1
Calcium chloride	10g		Beaker-glass	1
Copper chloride		10g	Beakers-100ml	3
Copper sulphate	10g		Balloons	2
Ethanol		50ml	Burner and stand	1
Hydrochloric acid diluted		100ml	Candle	1
lodine crystals	2g		Chalk	2
Isopropanol	20ml		Chromatographic paper	3
Lead nitrate	10g		Clay dough and tooth picks	1
Lithium chloride	10g		Conical flask with stopper-	1
Methylated spirit	100ml		Copper wire - 5metres	1
Phenolphthalein	20ml		Glass rod	1
Potassium chloride	10g		Graph paper	5
Potassium iodide	5g		Lighter/match	1
Potassium nitrate	10g		Light bulb and its holder	1
Silver nitrate 0.1m	20ml		Magnet pair	1
Sodium bicarbonate	20g		Measuring cylinder-50ml	1
Sodium carbonate		20g	Pasteur pipette	2
Sodium chloride 0.1m	25ml		Paper cup	2
Sodium hydroxide	15g		Polystyrene cup with lid	1
Sodium hydroxide dil	uted	100ml	Silk cloth	1
Sodium sulphate	20g		Slinky spring	1
Zinc granules	5g		Spatula	1
			Test tube	4
			Test tube rack	1
			Test tube holder	1
			Thermometer	1
			Watch glass	1
			Wooden splint	2
			Safety goggles	1
			Gloves	2