Fume Hoods: Top Ten Best Management Practices

DO:

1. Make sure the hood is working properly.
2. Keep work at least six inches behind the hood sash.
3. Keep the sash lowered to the minimum possible while working and closed at all other times.
4. Keep safety equipment (i.e., fire extinguisher, personal protective equipment, etc.) near the fume hood.
5. Use splash goggles and wear a full face shield if there is a possibility of an explosion or eruption.
6. Substitute less hazardous or volatile chemicals whenever possible.

DO NOT:

7. Use incompatible chemicals in the fume hood.
8. Use electrical devices or other ignition sources when flammable liquids or gases are present.
9. Allow chemicals to stand and evaporate as a method of waste disposal. This is illegal!
10. Use the fume hood as a storage device.

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