## 13.2.7 Library and Computer Lab Inspection

Item to be Inspected	Safe	Unsafe	Action
Are legible fire exits and route signs easily seen			
by all?			
Are ceiling and exit doors free of combustible			
materials such as art-work, posters, paper, etc?			
As a guideline, no more than 20% of the total			
wall surface (including boards, cupboards,			
windows, etc.) to be covered with combustible			
materials.			
Where there is an exit door is there a clear path			
through classroom furniture? As a rule of			
thumb, the width of the clear path should be the			
same width as the door(s).			
Are CSA approval labels on all electrical			
equipment?			
Are electrical outlets, cover plates and wall			
switches secure and undamaged?			
Are extension cords, in good condition and used			
for temporary purposes only?			
Are multi-use cords equipped with power bars?			
Do windows open easily and stay open			
according to their design?			
Is air quality, temperature and ventilation			
acceptable to meet applicable standards?			
Concern may be determined by conversation			
with occupants of the classroom?			
Are ventilation and heating ducts kept			
unobstructed by books, paper, etc.?			
Are ceiling tiles in place, unbroken and with no			
sign of mold formation?			
Are the ceiling, walls and floor free of water			
leaks?			
Are floor tiles or carpeting securely fastened to			
reduce trip hazards?			

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Are shelves or shelving units firmly anchored to			
the wall? Storage of all items should follow the			
following guide: heavy objects on low shelves,			
light objects on high shelves and breakable			
objects such as glass items on low shelves.			
Are step stools or small ladders available for			
accessing stored items on high shelves?			
Is storage on top of wall-mounted cupboards			
limited to lightweight objects such as empty			
boxes?			
Do paper cutters have guards in place and is the			
torsion spring adjusted to hold blade up when			
released?			
Are First Aid trained stations and attendees			
available?			
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Are bookshelves situated with clear paths for xit			
in case of fire?			
Are free standing bookshelves double width and			
shoulder height for stability?			
Are all wall mounted shelves securely fastened			
to the wall?			
Are computer cables and power bars secured to			
prevent a tripping hazard?			
Are monitors either placed with back to the wall			
or back to back to ensure that the operator is a			
safe distance from the rear of the monitor?			
Are workstations and chairs ergonomically			
designed: do chairs have a 5-point base?			

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