

13.2.9 Photography Darkroom 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?			
Are 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?			

Ventilation

Is exhaust ventilation adequate to maintain a slight negative pressure in the room? (This will ensure that chemical vapours do not escape into the classroom).			
Is there a minimum 15cfm per occupant of outside air supplied?			
Is the ventilation, supply and exhaust, left on at all times that the darkroom is in use?			
Is there a hood or slot exhaust system at the sink/chemical mixing area?			

Chemical Storage

Are chemicals stored in non-corrosive cabinets?			
Are all chemicals in original containers with original label or, if decanted with WHMIS workplace labels except for solutions prepared for immediate use?			
Are waste containers appropriately labeled and stored?			

PPE

Are aprons, chemical gloves and appropriate eye protection worn when mixing chemicals or handling waste?			
Is an eyewash station available with the location clearly marked and is it tested regularly?			