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1.	Autoclaves and pressure cookers - general state & regular inspections
2.	Balance area cleanliness
3.	Laser category 3B equipment
4.	Biohazards and biological waste
5.	Centrifuges and rotors - cleanliness and maintenance
6.	Chemicals and solvents - storage, compatible materials, ability to deal with spills - waste properly labelled, level of accumulation
7.	Computer workstations assessed
8.	Containment level and knowledge of associated rules
9.	Cryogenics
10.	Electrical equipment - general state & PAT testing, no trailing cables/overloading
11.	Electrophoresis equipment - general state
12.	Fire - extinguishers in place and uncluttered, exits clear and signposted
13.	Fume hoods – tidiness
14.	Gas cylinders - properly secured, age of regulators
15.	General housekeeping - state of lab, tidiness etc a. no eating, drinking, smoking, b. limited papers and books on bench c. no outdoor clothes in lab d. wearing of lab coats, eye protection
16.	Glassware general state, chipped or cracked items
17.	Heating/ventilation and lighting, lab fabric i.e. state of flooring and benches
18.	Knowledge of safety policy
19.	Labelling of reagents, equipment, centrifuges etc
20.	Radiation area – tidiness and adherence to local rules
21.	Risk assessment forms – regularly reviewed, awareness of main issues
22.	Sharps bins, broken glass bucket – not overfilled, no accumulation
23.	Storage general and high level
24.	Training records
25.	Tubing for gas and water, security of connections
26.	Waste accumulation
27.	General Comments