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(This can be used orally or as a written assignment)

Signs of Safety

Directions: Identify the practices described below as safe or dangerous. If the practice is safe, write "Safe" in the space provided. If the practice is dangerous, explain why the practice is dangerous.

1. Fran stored the cast iron fry pan on the top shelf to get it out of the way.

Heavy objects should be stored on low shelves so that you can reach them safely.

2. Jody put her long hair into a ponytail before she went into the kitchen to cook supper.

Safe.

3. Doris stapled the microwave cord in place to keep people from falling over it.

Electrical cords should never be stapled or otherwise punctured to avoid dangerous electrical shocks.

4. Debra chose to use knives that were not very sharp so that she would not cut herself.

Dull knives are actually more dangerous than sharp ones because you have to use more effort to cut with them.

5. When the butcher knife slipped out of Brenda's fingers, she tried her best to catch it.

You should never try to catch a sharp object such as a knife as it falls; doing so can cause a severe cut.

6. Josh could not find the can opener, so he used a sharp knife to open the can of milk.

Always use the tool designed for the task at hand. If you use a knife to open a metal can, there is a good chance the knife will slip and cut you badly.

7. Kate used a damp paper towel to pick up bits of broken glass where the broom would not reach.

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8. Pedro put the dirty steak knives into the dishwasher to soak.

Never put sharp edges into dishwasher where they cannot easily be seen; they may cut you.

9. The oven was so dirty that Elise decided to mix two strong cleansers in order to clean it.

Never mix cleaning chemicals together; some combinations of chemicals react and produce toxic fumes.

10. Donald lifted the lid of the pan on the close side to see if the mixture had thickened.

Never open the lid of a hot pan toward you; doing so can result in serious steam burns.

11. Bruce always turns pot handles toward the back or middle of the range.

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12. Beth mounted the paper towel rack right over the range so that is would be convenient to wipe up spills.

The paper towels should be kept well away from the range to avoid the possibility of a fire.

13. Clare had the fire extinguisher removed because she did not like the way it looked in the kitchen.

A fire extinguisher is an important, basic piece of kitchen equipment.

14. When Robert couldn't find a potholder, he grabbed a dishcloth to take the casserole out of the oven.

Always use potholders to handle hot dishes.

15. Beverly stood to the side when she opened the oven door.

Safe.

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