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STEP 3

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STEP 2

Note any labels / documentation.

STEP 4

Prevent similar finds.



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Take a picture without moving the item.

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Determine who the items may have belonged to.

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EHS will inspect the items and develop an action plan.

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- Review chemicals regularly and dispose of waste via CHEMATIX.
- Identify unlabelled chemicals.
- Develop a procedure for the disposal of all chemicals and experimental products when staff/students leave the lab.
- Stored samples/products must be properly labelled with chemical name, date and researcher's name.

