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Martin's Tech Guide on

Tips For New Science Technicians

Just started your role as a science technician? Here are a few tips and tricks to help with your new and exciting venture:

Learn the equipment:

Familiarise yourself with the equipment and tools you will be using in your role as a science technician. This includes understanding how to use them safely and correctly, as well as how to maintain and troubleshoot them if necessary. If in doubt – ask someone else in the department if they can help! Or contact our tech support for advice.

Follow safety protocols:

Science technicians often work with hazardous materials, so it's important to follow all safety protocols and procedures to ensure that you and your colleagues are protected. This may include wearing protective gear, following proper handling procedures, and knowing what to do in the event of an emergency. Use CLEAPSS Hazcards for advice. Someone might have a quicker or easier way to do something, but don't do it if it puts your safety at risk.

Be organised:

Science technicians often have to manage a large number of tasks and materials, so it's important to be organised and efficient. This may include keeping a detailed inventory of supplies, keeping accurate records, and staying up to date on tasks and deadlines.

Learn from your colleagues:

As a new science technician, you will likely be working with more experienced colleagues. Take advantage of this opportunity to learn from them and ask for guidance when needed.

Seek out professional development opportunities:

There are many opportunities for science technicians to improve their skills and knowledge through professional development. This may include taking classes or workshops, attending conferences, or seeking out mentorship opportunities.

Learn to say 'NO':

As a technician in a busy teaching department, you will likely find yourself presented with last minute requests and may feel pressured to fulfil them. If you have a clear ordering system in place and someone misses the deadline – anything last minute should be done at your discretion. If an order is late and you don't have time, it will have to wait. Their lack of disorganisation should not disrupt your organisation.

By following these tips, you can get off to a strong start in your new role as a science technician and set yourself up for success in the long term. Best of luck!

