

# 13 ABBREVIATIONS, SYMBOLS AND CONVENTIONS

For ease of reference, much of the information in Part B of this guidance is in the form of tables. The following recommendations provide guidance on what is considered good practice procedures. No activity should be carried out without first assessing the risks and taking account of local circumstances. To save space, the following conventions have been used.

Y7+, Y9+, Y12+	The chemical or procedure is generally considered suitable for use by pupils in England and Wales in Years 7, 9, 12 or above (Y12 implies GCE A-level) or their equivalent (that is, ages 11+, 13+, 16+). Note that local rules may apply a different, more stringent standard.
(Y7+), (Y9+), (Y12+)	While the activity/chemical is suitable for the year range indicated, stricter supervision than normal may be required, such as having a technician dispense the chemical or a teacher keeping direct control over a particular chemical. If this cannot be achieved, the activity should not be attempted.
L1, L2, L3	Categories of work in microbiology; they are not the levels of containment used by professional microbiologists.
T	The chemical/activity is suitable only for a demonstration or use by a technician or teacher.
X	The chemical/activity is banned nationally.
N	The chemical/activity is unsuitable or not recommended for use in schools. However, a small amount of chemical may be kept for exhibition purposes. In some areas these chemicals or activities may be banned by the employer's local rules.
F	A fume cupboard is normally necessary. Exceptions may be possible when using very small amounts of the substance.
(F)	A fume cupboard is desirable and should be used if available, but small quantities of the chemical can be used in a well-ventilated laboratory.

A complete list of acronyms and abbreviations can be found in Part C.

Because of their wide acceptance, the following abbreviated titles of publications are used: Hazcards, Topics, Safeguards, Haz Man, Micro, Handbook, Be Safe! Their full titles are given in Part C.