Food in Labs

Several technicians have expressed disquiet about students (and teachers) eating in labs at any time, which seems to become more of a problem in term 4.

Under the new Health and Safety at Work Act, EVERYONE in the workplace is responsible for Health and Safety so if something were to happen, everyone who knew about it and didn't do anything to stop it, would be liable. Best case scenario, if reported to WorkSafe, if NO injuries occurred/with no risk of death, they can still be fined up to $50 000 for failure to comply with their Health and Safety duty. If an injury occurs/risk of death, the maximum fine is $150 000 and if they knowingly or recklessly cause injury through failing to follow Health and Safety protocols, the maximum fine is $300 000 and up to 5 years in prison.

And anyone can complain to WorkSafe, it doesn't have to come from your principal and it can be kept anonymous. Could be a student or a parent.

Regards,

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