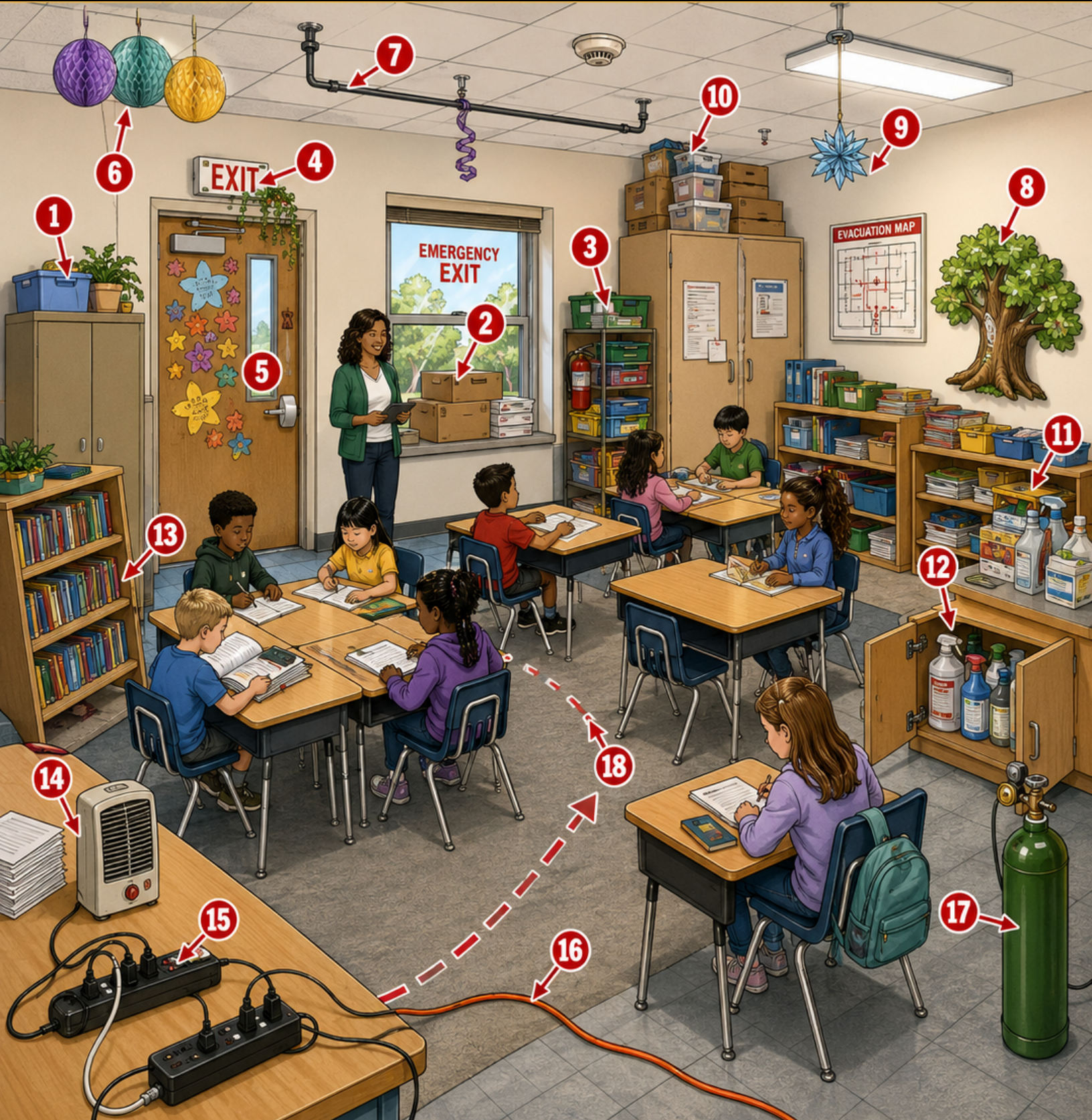


COMMON CLASSROOM SAFETY HAZARDS



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- 1 Blocked classroom exit path**
Cabinets, furniture, boxes, and stored items must not block the path to a required exit or interfere with the door swing.
- 2 Blocked emergency exit window**
Keep any approved emergency exit window and the floor area below it clear of boxes, furniture, and supplies.
- 3 Hidden fire extinguisher**
Fire extinguishers must remain mounted, marked, visible, and immediately accessible.
- 4 Obscured exit sign**
Exit signs must be visible at all times and illuminated when designed to be illuminated.
- 5 Decorations on the exit door**
Do not cover or disguise classroom exit doors, hardware, required labels, or vision panels with decorations.
- 6 Low-hanging ceiling decorations**
Suspended materials must be approved, flame resistant when required, and must not reduce required clearances or impede egress.
- 7 Item attached to sprinkler piping**
Never suspend or attach decorations, teaching materials, wires, or other objects to sprinkler piping or sprinkler heads.
- 8 Wall decoration projects into room**
Artwork and teaching materials shall not exceed 20% of wall area in nonsprinklered buildings or 50% in fully sprinklered buildings. Corridor walls are limited to 20%.
- 9 Item suspended from a light fixture**
Do not hang decorations or instructional materials from ceiling lights, electrical fixtures, detectors, or alarm devices.
- 10 Storage too close to sprinklers**
Maintain at least 18 inches of clear space below sprinkler deflectors. Keep the clearance zone free of boxes and supplies.
- 11 Excess paper and open storage**
Reduce excess combustible materials. Store paper, cardboard, and supplies neatly in approved cabinets or storage rooms.
- 12 Unsecured cleaning chemicals**
Keep cleaning products and hazardous materials labeled, secured, and inaccessible to children. Use approved storage where required.
- 13 Unsecured bookcase**
Anchor tall bookcases and cabinets to prevent tipping. Store heavier items on lower shelves.
- 14 Portable heater near paper**
Use a portable heater only when school policy permits. Keep at least 3 feet from combustibles and plug directly into a wall outlet.
- 15 Daisy-chained power strips**
Plug listed power strips directly into permanent wall receptacles. Never connect one power strip to another.
- 16 Extension-cord trip hazard**
Extension cords are temporary only. Do not route them through aisles, doorways, walls, ceilings, or between classrooms.
- 17 Unsecured compressed-gas cylinder**
Secure each cylinder upright with an approved restraint and protect it from impact, heat, and unauthorized access.
- 18 Crowded exit aisle**
Arrange desks and furniture to preserve the required aisle and a continuous path to every required exit. Do not exceed approved occupant load.

KEEP THE CLASSROOM READY

Keep rooms clean, organized, and within their designed storage and electrical capacity. Do not obstruct exits or fire-protection systems. Correct simple hazards promptly and report facility, electrical, alarm, sprinkler, or fire-door problems to the school administrator.