Activity 2: Storing products, materials and equipment

Incorrect storage of products, materials and equipment can have a range of consequences.

These include:

1. cross-contamination
2. breakdown of limited stability products
3. products exceeding their expiry date
4. loss of samples or degradation of reagents not stored at the correct temperature
5. a health and safety risk to employees
6. difficulties in locating stock.

Your task is to identify a scenario for when one of these consequences may occur, and present your findings to the rest of the group. When identifying a scenario, you should think about:

* How could this occur?
* Who may be affected?
* What are the potential consequences for the organisation involved?
* What steps should be taken to prevent the scenario occurring again?

Complete the table based on your scenario, and the feedback from other members of the class.

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| Consequence | Scenario | Who may be affected? | Potential consequences for the organisation | Steps to be taken to prevent the scenario happening again |
| Cross-contamination |  |  |  |  |
| Breakdown of limited stability products |  |  |  |  |
| Products exceeding their expiry date |  |  |  |  |
| Loss of samples or degradation of reagents not stored at the correct temperature |  |  |  |  |
| Health and safety risk to employees |  |  |  |  |
| Difficulties in locating stock |  |  |  |  |