

**HAZARD ALERT**  
**Flammable materials in drying ovens**

- Do not use drying ovens to evaporate or dry mixtures or solutions that contain flammable liquids
- Do not use drying ovens to dry glassware that has been washed or rinsed with a flammable substance until all flammable residues have fully evaporated or been washed off with non-flammable solvents such as water
- Labware and inert solids (e.g. silica desiccant) are only to be dried in these ovens as long as they are not contaminated with any flammable gases, liquids or solids.
- Ensure no residues of flammable liquids or solids are left on labware as this may lead to ignition
- Ensure no flammable material is placed inside the drying ovens at any time as the ovens are not intrinsically safe or actively ventilated.

Further information is found on the RSC WHS Noticeboard:  
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