

ANSWER KEY: WHAT WOULD YOU DO? Case Study #1:

Brian washed his hands with soap and water before going out to pick fruits and vegetables. He tied his shoelaces tightly, and went into the garden to pick the produce.

Brian saw some gardening tools outside of the garden, so he decided to use them on some of the produce items as he went around collecting fruits and vegetables. When finished with the tools, Brian set them down in the garden and went back to picking.

After picking produce for some time, Brian heard the class puppy, Scrappy, barking at the gate of the garden. Feeling bad for Scrappy, Brian opened the gate to the garden to let Scrappy walk around the garden while he picked the fruits and vegetables.

When Brian finished picking the fruits and vegetables, he left the basket by the entrance to the garden and went inside to wash his hands with soap and water.

1. What did Brian do wrong?

--- Brian left the gardening tools in the garden. If not removed after using, these can become physical hazards because other people could step on them.

---Brian let the class puppy, Scrappy, into the garden. Do not let animals into the garden, because they can poop on the produce or spread disease to it. Animals also carry harmful bacteria that can make the produce unsafe to eat.

---Brian left the basket of fruits and vegetables by the entrance to the garden. These were not given to the teacher to properly store.

2. What can YOU do to avoid these problems?

--- When using gardening tools, always make sure to place them in a designated storage location to reduce the chances of injury to others. These tools should be properly cleaned before placed in their designated storage location to reduce the hazards of later use.

--- Keep wild animals and pets out of the garden as much as possible to reduce the chances of contaminating the produce, plants, or soil.

--- Make sure to give the produce to the teacher so it can be properly stored. If inappropriately stored, the produce will be more likely to rot or be unacceptable.