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1. Do the following:

a Describe how a properly working plumbing system protects your family’s health and safety.

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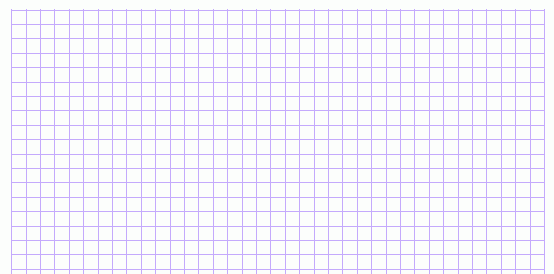
b List five important local health regulations related to plumbing and tell how they protect health and safety.

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c Describe the safety precautions you must take when making home plumbing repairs.

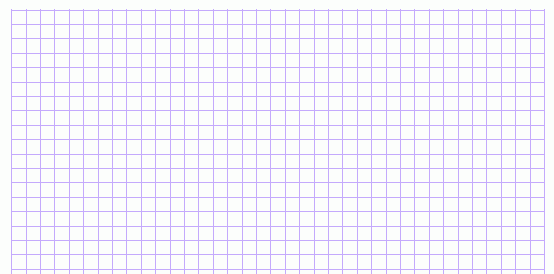
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2. Do the following:

 a Make a drawing and explain how a home hot- and cold-water supply system works.

Tell how you would make it safe from freezing.

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 b Make a drawing and explain the drainage system of the plumbing in a house.

Explain the drainage system of the plumbing in a house

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* Show and explain the use of drains and vents.

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3. Show how to use five important plumber’s tools.

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4. Identify and describe the use of each of the following: washer, retaining nut, plunger (rubber force cup), solder, flux, elbow, tee, nipple, coupling, plug, union, trap, drainpipe, and water meter.

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| Plunger (rubber force cup): |  |
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5. Name the kinds of pipe that are used most often in a plumbing system. Explain why these pipes are used.

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⬜ 6. Cut, thread, and connect two pieces of metal pipe.

⬜ 7. Under the supervision of a knowledgeable adult, solder three copper tube connections using a gas torch. Include one tee, two straight pieces, and one coupling.

8. Do the following:

⬜ a. Replace a washer in a faucet.

⬜ b. Clean out a sink or lavatory trap.

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