

Art Safety: Tool, Electrical, and Fire

Working in the art school has some very unique hazards. The following is a guide with categories to help identify and avoid some of these hazards.

Tool Safety

DO

- Use only approved tools. Refer to specific shop policies and procedures related to safe tool use.
- Wear safety glasses with side shields when using tools.
- Inspect tools before each use.
- Use tools that are appropriate for the work performed. An incorrectly sized tool may lead to injury.
- Secure work pieces with a vise or clamp where needed.
- Position the work to minimize awkward postures.

DON'T

- Use tools that are damaged or missing guards or shields.

Fire Safety

DO

- Keep a clear path to and through your studio door at all times.
- Note the locations of fire extinguishers.
- Keep areas in front of fire extinguishers and electrical panels clear.
- Dial 1-1234 in case of emergency.

DON'T

- Smoke inside the building.
- Use open flames or perform operations that will produce sparks.

Electrical Safety

DO

- Plug continuously running appliances and other equipment directly into wall outlets.
- Use Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) protection for electrical use outdoors, in a wet area, or within 6 feet of a water source.

DON'T

- Use frayed/damaged electrical cords or cords with ground prongs removed.
- Use extension cords in place of permanent wiring, flat or light-duty cords, daisy-chained cords (one extension cord plugged into another), or overloaded cords.



Facilities

Contact the Senior Facilities Manager for issues related to the buildings as well as safety concerns.

See our other [Fact Sheet on Art Safety](#) to learn about more hazards and how to avoid them.

