

# Safety as a Component of Creating Art

Facts, Knowledge, Workspace,
Personal Practices, and MediumSpecific Hazards

## **OUTLINE**

- Why Art Safety?
- Risk
- "Creating Art Safely" Video
- Ideal Work Environment
- Safe practices
- Labels Indicating Risk and Hazards
- Signs of Exposure
- Proper Waste Disposal
- Mediums of Art
- Risk and Risk Assessments High Risk/ Low Frequency
- UO Emergency Procedures
- Knowledge Resources/ References

### Why Art Safety?

- Health and Safety Issues
- Environmental Issues
- Fire Safety
- · Hazard Communication
- · Community Right to Know
- Inform/Educate/Create



## **Similar Risk For Chemical Industry Workers and Artists**

#### **Risk Factors**

- Body Burden
- Dose
- Environment
- Precautions
- Susceptibility

### **Chemical-Specific Hazards**

- Adhesives
- Dusts
- Dyes
- Metals
- Pigments

- Powders
- Preservatives
- Alcohols
- Aliphatic Hydrocarbons
- Aromatic Hydrocarbons

- Chlorinated Hydrocarbons
- Glycol Ethers
- Ketones
- Turpentine
- Citrus Cleaners

### **Reactions to Exposure**

- Acute
- Chronic (latency periods)

### Ailments due to lack of knowledge

- Marie Curie → aplastic pernicious anemia (radium/ radioactivity)
- Goya → plumbism (lead)
- Van Gogh → mental illness (camphor, turpentine, absinthe)

## **Sources of Risk**

### **Types of Hazards**

- mechanical
- Chemical

### **States of matter and Routes of Exposure**

- Respirable solids
- Fumes
- Vapors
- Toxic/ flammable liquids

#### **Chemical Hazard Classification**

- Toxic/ Nontoxic
- Carcinogen
- Reproductive Toxin
- Anesthetic
- Asphyxiant

- Oxidizer
- Combustible
- Flammable
- Explosive
- Corrosives

## **Hierarchy of Controls**

- Design
- Engineering
- Personal protection

# A Six Step-Process for Creating Art Safely

Creating Art Safely: A Six-Step Process | Yale Environmental Health & Safety



## **Ideal Work Environment**

- Kept up diligently
- Ventilation appropriate/adequate
  - General (dilution) vs.
     Local
- Wastes disposed properly
- Fire managed risks & prevention



# Best Design & Work Practices

### Ventilating the Indoor Environment:

Ventilation controls heat, humidity, removes airborne hazards, prevents fire & explosion.

Local exhaust employed for high hazards.

## Storage practices that minimize hazards:

Compliance with regulation.

Storage segregated from Use.

Small quantity containers & numbers.

Closed containers.

Labeled containers.

No high-piled storage.

Separate incompatibles.

Flammable cabinets and Safety Cans.

Rag cans – empty nightly.

Spill kits at the ready.

## Life/Safety practices:

Practiced emergency procedures.

Practice use of Fire Extinguishers.

Store minimum flammables needed for work.

Remove all sources of ignition.

Transfer liquids in small quantities.

Keep exits clear (esp. combustibles).

Inspect studio regularly.

Involve professional staff in responses to large spills of flammables.

Wear appropriate protective clothing.

Keep an accurate inventory of flammable materials.

Discard old and unused materials.

Evaluate MSDS and SDS for hazards & response guidance.

Ensure functionality of smoke/fire detection apparatus.

Work practices

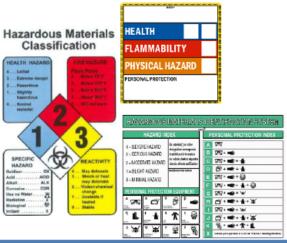
Storage practices

## **Labels Indicating Risk and Hazards**

## Labeling & Hazard Communication

- ACMI approved/certified products
  - AP = NonToxic
  - CL = Certified to have adequate hazard warning information
- Hazardous Materials
  - OSHA MSDS
  - OSHA SDS
  - NFPA labeling
  - HMIS labeling
  - GHS labeling

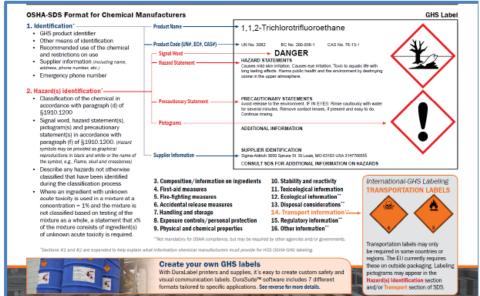




**Danger** – hazards can cause serious injury (blindness, amputation) or death.

**Warning** – hazards can cause less than serious injuries.

Caution – warning that users should be careful when using, handling, or storing a chemical

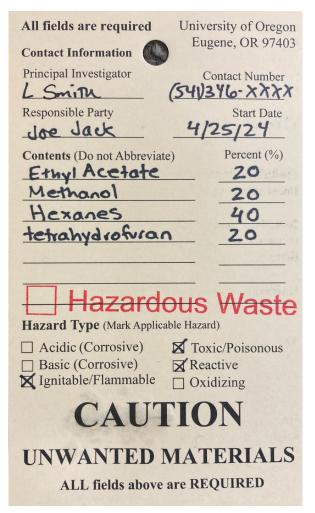


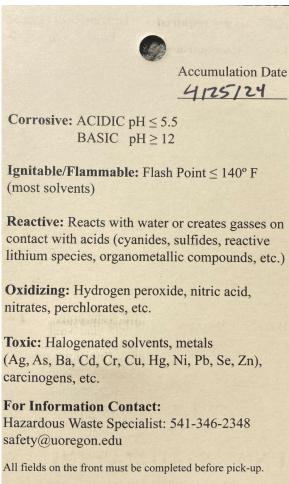
## **Protect Yourself and Know Signs of Exposure**

- Good personal hygiene
- Use of protective attire
  - Clothing
  - Gloves (what, why)
  - Eye Protection
  - Respiratory protection through UO Program
- Symptoms of Exposure
- First Aid be prepared
- Medical Attention

Symptoms	Possibilities
Skin dryness, itching, inflamation	Solvents, resins, cutting oils, fiberglass, photochemicals
Eye inflammation, irritation, tearing	Acid/alkali vapors, dusts, gases, smoke, sprays
Ear ringing, deafness	Noise, caffeine, quinine, hydroquinones
Sneezing, runny nose, cough, sore throat	Dusts, fumes, gases; vapors from solvents, printmaking, photochemicals
Wheezing, shortness of breath	Dusts and powders (rosin, silica); alkali, photochemical, and solvent vapors
Flulike	Metal fumes
Dizziness, drowsiness, headache, body tingling	Solvent vapor inhalation, asphyxiant gases, carbon monoxide, cyanide
Abdominal discomfort	Photo and printmaking chemicals; solvents

## All waste bottles should be labeled/tagged when accumulation starts











### To Request Pick Up of Correctly Labeled Waste, Follow Links on EHS Website

Hazardous Waste Pick-Up | Safety and Risk Services (uoregon.edu)

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Location Innovation Lab

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & SAFETY**

Building Environmental Science Services

#### **Hazardous Materials Services**

Chemical Safety

Hazardous Materials Guide

Hazardous/Regulated Materials Transportation

#### Hazardous Waste Pick-Up

Procedure for Radioactive Waste Tag

Radioactive Waste Pick-up

Safety Data Sheet Links

Occupational Health and Safety Services

Research Safety Services

University Fire Marshal Services

Environmental Services

**EHS Safety Training** 

REPORT A SAFETY CONCERN

### Hazardous Waste Pick-Up

Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) collects hazardous materials in several categories for disposal, treatment or recycling for all UO departments.

#### Contacts

- <u>Seth Sponcey</u>, Hazardous Waste Program Coordinator (P) 541-346-2348
- Ben Bythell, Hazardous Materials Manager, Chemical Safety Officer, (P) 541-346-0371

#### **Process**

#### Hazardous Waste Pick-Ups

Submit a service request through the Environmental Health and Safety Assistant (EHSA) online system here:

#### PLACE A WASTE PICKUP REQUEST

- Click here for first time login instructions Contractions
- Click here for a waste submittal GUIDE Control
- Click here to learn how to access the Chemical Exchange/Re-Use inventory []

Please allow three business days for collection.

## Mediums of Art

- Drawing
- Painting
- Printmaking
- Photography
- Jewelry & Metalsmithing
- Sculpture
- Woodworking

# Drawing

- Irritating Dusts (chalk, charcoal)
- Solvent-based inks
- Toxic pigments (e.g. chrome yellow, PbCrO4)



# **Painting**

- Volatile solvents; toxic pigments
  - Hg not prohibited in art paints (vs. interior house)
  - Aerosols

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- Latex & Water-based products
  - Glycol ethers & possibly formaldehyde (preserv.)
- Fresco potentially corrosive/toxic lime, CaOH
- Volatile/toxic strippers & cleaners
  - Acetone, Methanol, Toluene, Methylene Chloride

\*Hg is mercury

# Printmaking

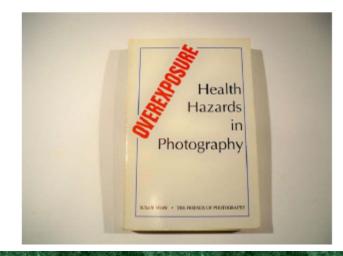
- Dusts, Inks, Etchants, Resists, Stone/Plate Cleaners, Solvents, Mechanical Tools
  - Flammable, Toxic, Corrosive, Physical injury
    - Ferric chloride, acids, Dutch Mordant (KClO4,HCl,H2O)
- Mitigating risks
  - Hazard Communication
  - Risk analysis
  - Protective mechanisms



A Research Resource and Practical Guide for Printmakers, Artists and Educators

# Photography

- Dusts, Developers, Stop Baths, Fixers, Intensifiers, Toners
  - Flammable, toxic, mutagen, corrosive, oxidizers
    - Hydroquinone, acetic acid, boric acid, potassium dichromate (hexavalent chromium), potassium ferricyanide, heavy metals, sulfides, silver salts, bleach, potassium permanganate.
- Mitigating Risks
  - HazCom, Risk Analysis,
     Substitution, Protection



# Glass, Jewelry, Metalsmithing

- Dusts, Stains, Fluxes, Solder, Fumes, Plating Solutions, Pickle, Welding
  - Flammable, toxic, corrosive, carcinogen
- Temperature, Non-ionizing Radiation
  - Burns, fatigue
- Mitigating Risks HazCom, Risk Analysis, Substitution, Protection

# Sculpture

- Dusts, Pigments, Borax, Lime, Acids, Finishing products
  - Irritants, toxics, corrosives, flammables
- Tools & Toolwork

Mitigating Risks – HazCom, Risk Analysis,
 Substitution, Protection

Hazard 2: I like powertools, a wheel with a motor, a radio and a shon yac.

wheel with a motor, a radio and a shop vac...

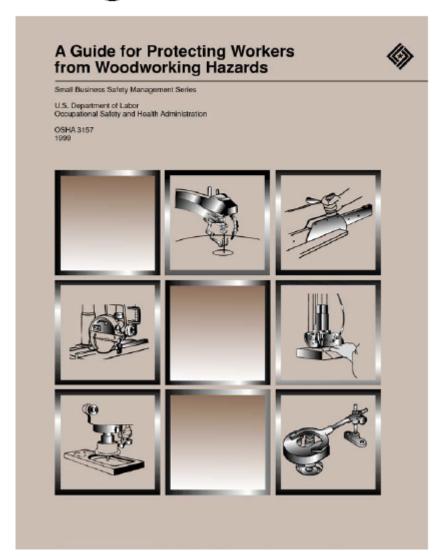
Clay likes moisture and water.

You might spot a possible problem here...

# Woodworking

- Dusts, Engineered Wood Products, Finishing Products, Adhesives
- Tools & Toolwork

Mitigating Risks –
 HazCom, Risk Analysis,
 Substitution, Protection,
 Guarding





Woodshops - College of Design Technology Services (uoregon.edu)

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## College of Design Technology Services

Our Services

**Output Room** 

Computing Labs

Woodshops

PDX Fabrication Lab

Polymer Lab

### Woodshops

Our Services

Output Room

Computing Labs

#### Woodshops

COVID-19 Woodshop Procedures

Woodshops Access

Woodshops Tools & Equipment

Woodworking Tools Videos

Lawrence Hall Woodshop

Millrace Woodshop

Supplies and Local Resources

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### Woodshops



The Lawrence Hall Woodshop and the Millrace Woodshop are both located in Eugene, and managed by Facilities Support Services.

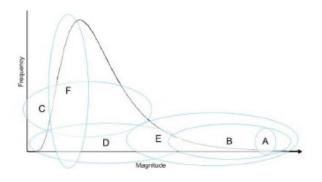
The Lawrence Hall Woodshop is a tools resource for students currently enrolled in College of Design courses. The Millrace Woodshop is for Product Design and Interior Architecture scheduled classes.

The open shop environment has been created to provide a safe, and professionally supervised space in which students can create high-quality projects, while learning skills that further prepare them to excel in their chosen careers

#### Fall/ Winter/ Spring Term Hours

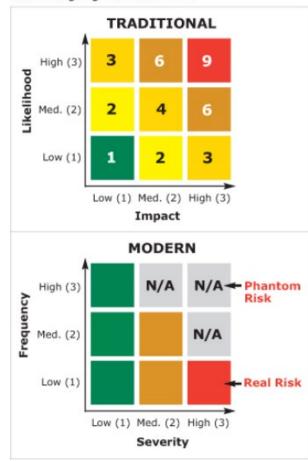
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM

# Risk Assessment









https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GvOSoTA4JMg&pp=ygUdZ29yZG9ulGdyYWhhbSByaXNrlGFzc2Vzc21lbnQ%3D

# **UO Emergency Procedures**

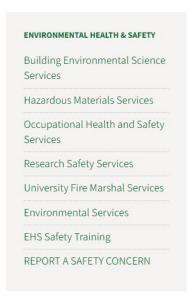


- Familiarize yourself with this Poster.
- It contains information regarding what to do, and the numbers to call in the case of various Emergencies.
- Copies are posted throughout campus.

## **EHS WEBSITE**

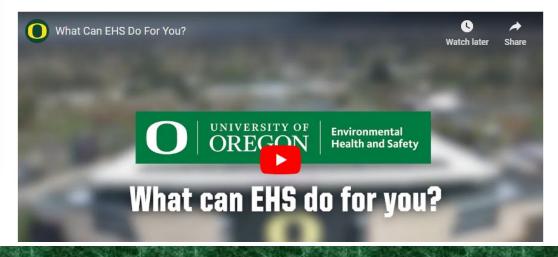
https://safety.uoregon.edu/environmental-health-and-safety





### Environmental Health and Safety

Environmental Health & Safety (EHS) promotes compliance and responsible behaviors as exemplified and required by health, safety, and environmental standards, codes, regulations, and university programs. The department provides educational, monitoring, problem-solving, and support service functions to the entire university community.



# **Books on Art Safety**

### **Books**

"Artist Beware", Michael McCann, PhD, CIH

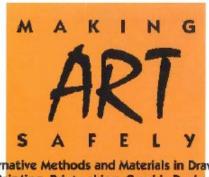
"The Artist's Complete Health and Safety Guide", Monona Rossol, MS, MFA

"Overexposure: Photography Hazards", Susan Shaw and Monona Rossol

"Making Art Safely", M. Spandorfer, D. Curtiss, J. Snyder, MD

"Stage Fright: Health & Safety in Theater", Monona Rossol, MS, MFA

"Health Hazards Manual for Artists", Michael McCann, PhD, CIH



Alternative Methods and Materials in Drawing, Painting, Printmaking, Graphic Design, and Photography



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# Knowledge Resources

## Regulatory

- U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Act
- U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
  - "Art and Craft Safety Guide"
     www.cpsc.gov Publication 5015
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- OSHA HazCom
- CDC NIOSH
- ICC Life/Safety Codes

### Peer

- Art and Creative Materials Institute: https://www.acmiart.org/
- Arts, Crafts & Theater Safety:
  - <a href="https://www.artscraftstheatersafety.">https://www.artscraftstheatersafety.</a>
    org/lectures.html
- City of Tucson, Health & Safety in the Arts:
  - https://www.tucsonaz.gov/Government/ Office-of-the-City-Manager/Community-Safety-Health-Wellness