

Studio Safety

Art & Design

The hazards that really injure art students, and the control for each.

Educational reference. Follow your own studio's induction and rules.

Dust

Silica from stone, clay and plaster

Wood dust is a recognised carcinogen

Extraction at the source, not a fan

A fitted P3 mask, not a paper one

Wet methods and a vacuum, never a brush

Chemicals

Solvents, resins, acids, pigments

Read the safety data sheet first

Gloves rated for that chemical

Ventilation, or a spray booth

Never eat or drink in the studio

Machines

Induction before first use, every time

Guards down, eye protection on

No loose hair, sleeves or jewellery

Never work alone at a machine

Waste

Oily rags can self-heat and ignite

Plaster never goes down a sink

Label every decanted container

Educational reference, not a substitute for your institution's own risk assessments, inductions and safety data sheets.