

South Texas College

Visual Arts and Music

Health and Safety

Equipment and supplies used in the South Texas College art classes can represent a hazard if misused. Recognizing this possibility, the art instructors will comply with the intent of government laws or acts and the South Texas College Health and Safety Program. This is done in an effort to maintain a safe academic and working environment.

Each studio/classroom, shop and lab area, both indoor and outdoor has safety procedures that are designed to make the class experience safe and enjoyable for all students. The instructor and/or staff will instruct students in the proper safety procedures throughout the semester. New and pertinent safety procedures will be incorporated into class instruction as they are handed down by government and private safety agencies. Students in turn, are expected to abide by these safety regulations. Also, students need to take note of cautions and safety procedures in class lectures, assigned readings, texts, product labels, operation manuals and reference materials. Students are also expected to incorporate health and safety procedures into their art making processes while working in art studios/classrooms, shops and labs.

Questions regarding safety issues, either in the art facility or in the outdoor work areas can usually be answered by the instructor, or by the South Texas College Safety Coordinator Paul Varville. We will strive to find answers to any and all art-related safety questions, problems, or concerns you may have.

Your instructor has endeavored to make this health and safety information available to each student through detailed health and safety instructions during class. It is the student's responsibility to receive and understand instruction in the proper use of any and all tools and equipment available in the Art Department before he or she attempts to use the tools and equipment.

No student is allowed to use mechanical, electrical, or chemical equipment or supplies without instruction in the proper usage and safety procedures beforehand.

Students must be properly protected with appropriate safety clothing including but not limited to: glasses, goggles, masks, ear protection, gloves, etc., during any hazardous activities while working in any of the Art Department studio/classrooms, shops, lab areas, etc., both indoor and outdoor. Your instructor and the Safety Coordinator make the determination as to what safety equipment and procedures are necessary in every case.

In some cases, students are required to purchase and use safety equipment for a particular class. The instructor will notify the students beforehand. For more specific information on safety, refer to the South Texas College Health and Safety Handbooks located in the Safety Coordinator's office.

Acknowledgement, Assumption of Risk, and Hold Harmless Agreement

I am aware of the dangers associated with processes used in this class, and the possibility of injuries while using this facility. I agree to assume full responsibility for my own safety and the safety of my property while I am in this studio/classroom, shop and lab area, both indoor and outdoor.

Additionally, I hereby state that I have been trained by the instructor, staff member or designated assistant in the correct use of the equipment I will be using while in this class, and in the proper use of safety equipment associated with the use of such equipment.

I agree to follow all safety signs, warnings, and instructions given by the instructor, staff member or designated assistant. I agree to never remove or otherwise defeat the guards on any equipment, except with the full awareness and permission of the instructor.

In consideration for being allowed to use the above mentioned facility and equipment, I hereby release and hold harmless South Texas College, its Board of Regents, officers, advisors, agents and employees of the Art Department from any and all liability due to injury arising or resulting from any act or omission, neglect, or otherwise of said South Texas College Board of Regents, officers, advisors, agents and employees of the Art Department, or any other person or other participant in said activity while using this studio/classroom, shop and lab area, both indoor and outdoor. The terms hereof shall also serve as a release and an assumption of risk for my heirs, executor and administrator, and for all members of my family and may be plead as a bar to litigation.

I also agree to indemnify and hold South Texas College, its Board of Regents, and all of the college's officers, advisors, agents and employees above mentioned, harmless from and against any and all damage to property which may occur while I am in this studio/classroom, shop and lab area, both indoor and outdoor.