

Health and Safety

Teacher Checklist for Art / CTE Classrooms

A teacher's classroom environment can influence student health and learning. Art and CTE classrooms can be very especially hazardous. As an "Operator" or "Person in Charge" of that space, teachers have an important role in ensuring that the classroom environment is both healthy and safe. We have created the Teacher Checklist for Classrooms to help inform you on how to make sure your classroom is the healthiest and safest place for student learning.

Use the Teacher Checklist for classrooms to help ensure your classroom is the healthiest and safest place for student learning and meets the Washington State health and safety rules and guidelines for Art and CTE classrooms (WAC 246-366).

Art and CTE Classroom Safety

- Room kept uncluttered (Art workroom floors, tables, and floors cleaned daily)
- Personal protective equipment provided and worn
- Written and documented safety training provided to all students
- General safety rules posted in a prominent location
- Adequate lighting above benches and equipment (all lights on)
- Flammables stored in a flammable cabinet
- Emergency and master shut-off switches operable (have been tested) and labeled
- Floors clear of debris, oil, liquid, materials and projects (**eliminate trip hazards**)
- Warm water, soap and paper towels at hand washing sinks
- Sources of odors eliminated and properly ventilated
- Vents open and unblocked
- Maintenance notified of air quality concerns/questions
- MSDS (Material Safety Data Sheet) available as required
- All containers labeled with contents
- School/district policy for classroom cleaners/chemicals reviewed

Emergency Eye Washes and Showers

- Eye washes and showers accessible (not blocked by equipment, projects, tools, etc.)
- Eye washes flushed weekly (ensure clean, adequate flow, working valves)
- Eye washes and showers inspected annually (ensure operation as designed)

Ventilation

- Local exhaust ventilation used in welding areas (ensure contaminants exhausted away from users)
- Chip and sawdust collection system turned on when using woodworking equipment
- Adequate ventilation provided where kilns, paints, glues, spray adhesives, and other vaporous materials are used

Tools/Equipment

- Equipment guards in good condition and in place
- Well-marked two-foot safety zone provided around stationary equipment
- Non-slip flooring provided in operator use zones for stationary equipment
- Stationary equipment and gas cylinders secured
- Specific operating instructions and safety rules posted on or near all machinery and equipment (bench-mounted and floor-mounted)

Important Art/CTE Classroom Health and Safety Links:

DOH/OSPI Guide for K-12 Schools in Washington

www.k12.wa.us/SchFacilities/Publications/pubdocs/CompleteSafety&HealthManual2002-2003.pdf

DOSH Directive 13.0 Emergency Washing Facilities

www.lni.wa.gov/Safety/Rules/Policies/PDFs/DD1300.pdf

WA State Department of Health School Environmental Health and Safety Program

www.doh.wa.gov/CommunityandEnvironment/Schools/EnvironmentalHealth.aspx



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