

# ART AND SAFETY HANDOUT

**This handout is presented and discussed at the beginning of all classes, and the students will be asked to sign that they have read and understood the contents.**

Almost all materials and tools used in art have safety concerns. For tools the safety concern is more obvious and to that end you will need training and authorization to use them. For others the concern is less obvious and may involve the chemicals contained or the vapors/dust given off when they are worked. GVSU is committed to providing the safest environment possible for you to work and learn.

Training will be provided during this studio class to help you identify and deal with the potential hazards you might encounter. There are, however, some basic things you must know and follow. It is your body and your responsibility.

- SAFETY GLASSES.** You are required to own and use safety glasses whenever you are working in this studio. Mark yours so they can be identified.
- FOOTWEAR.** You are required to wear **shoes that cover your entire foot** when you are in this studio. No corks, no sandals, no flip-flops, no ballet flats. You will be given the opportunity to have a locker assigned to you. Keep a pair of shoes inside if you like to wear sandals.
- EATING/DRINKING.** In order to prevent the ingestion of chemicals and materials, you may only eat in designated areas. You may drink in your work area but only from marked bottles/cans that have a small opening, or travel mugs/cups with a slit opening or cups with lid and straw.
- UNMARKED CONTAINERS.** You may not leave or use containers with chemicals or 'mixes' that are unmarked as to contents.
- DISPOSAL.** Solvents and many chemicals and mixes may not be poured down drains. Ask your professor if you are uncertain or if you do not know where to dispose properly.
- PARTICLE MASK.** Some processes or work in this studio class may require you to own and use a nuisance level or the higher N95 level particle mask. They are not expensive. Mark yours.
- ACCIDENTS.** Should you have an accident that requires you to go to a med center or hospital for treatment you must fill out an accident form within 2 days. Form available from 3-D Tech. in the Sculpture studio

## **'RIGHT TO KNOW' (MSDS and SDS)**

Chemicals and materials that you are supplied with or that you are required to use in this studio class are supplied with MSDS (Material Safety Data Sheet). The MSDS identify contents, hazards and disposal instructions. Some are specific to a manufacturer; others are generic for a product. Copies are kept on file on the CLAS (College of Liberal Arts and Sciences) website. Go to [www.gvsu.edu/labsafety](http://www.gvsu.edu/labsafety). The location of the MSDS files and the person responsible is posted.

**You are required to sign a sheet that indicates that you have read and understood the above.**