

SAFETY INFORMATION SHEET

PAINT

WHAT THIS SHEET APPLIES TO

Anyone using paints in the Benadicta Arts Center or the Stephen B. Humphrey Theater.

RISKS INCLUDE

Personal injury, injury to others, damage to equipment and facilities.

GUIDELINES, RULES, & PROCEDURES

1. Proper handling and use of any paint should be clearly articulated by the instructor or supervisor.
2. Read consumer labels and MSDS (Material Safety Data Sheet) about paints and paint products. An MSDS binder is located in the Scene Shop and Costume Shop, and the SBH TD office. These sheets contain valuable information and safe use suggestions about the paints, solvents, and other materials used in the BAC shops.
3. Each student, staff, and faculty using these shops should be familiar with MSDS.
4. Where possible use latex, acrylic or casein based paints instead of oil-based paints or stains.
5. If possible avoid use of powdered paints and powdered dyes. If using powdered paints or powdered dyes please consult with supervisor about proper ventilation and the use of dust/particle masks.
6. Avoid breathing solvent vapors and sprays. Make sure there is adequate ventilation when applying paints and using solvents.
7. Do not pour flammable solvents (lacquer thinners, mineral spirits, acetone, etc...) into sinks or drains. Consult the supervisor for proper disposal.
8. Prevent solvents such as mineral spirits, lacquer thinner, and denatured alcohol from coming in contact with skin. Skin absorbs these chemicals very quickly.
9. Oil paint and solvent vapors may be explosive—keep away from sparks or flame.
10. Clearly label all mixed paints and properly store in the Scene Shop.
11. All spray painting must be done in the Scene Shop unless otherwise approved by the Technical Director.
12. When spray painting, wear goggles to protect eyes and wear a dust/particle mask to prevent inhalation of particles.
13. There is no smoking in CSB / SJU Buildings
14. Clean up buckets, brushes, and rollers when finished painting.
15. Mark and block access to wet painted floor areas.

FOR FURTHER UNDERSTANDING

Rossol, Monona. *Stage Fright: Health and Safety in the Theater—A Practical Guide*. Rev. Ed. New York: Allworth Press, 1991.

EMERGENCY- Contacts: CSB Security at 5000 or 9-911. SJU Life Safety at 911 or 2144

To report injury that occurred while working for compensation, supervisor/employee use the incident report form and submit completed report to Human Resources, preferably within 24hours.

To report injury that occurred at non-compensated work e.g. Class activity, supervisor/student use the academic injury report form and submit completed report to Environmental Health & Safety office.