

Washington Street Studios Classroom Rules & Safety Guidelines

Disclaimer: The studio is not responsible for any accidents, injuries, or damage to personal property. By using the studio, all participants acknowledge the inherent risks of working with pottery equipment and materials, including but not limited to exposure to high temperatures, sharp tools, electrical equipment, and potentially hazardous substances. Users agree to exercise caution, follow all safety protocols, and assume personal responsibility for their own well-being.

It is essential that all class participants and visitors adhere to the studio's rules and guidelines to maintain a safe and productive environment. Failure to follow these rules may result in loss of studio privileges. Safety is a shared responsibility, and we appreciate your cooperation in keeping the studio a welcoming and secure space for all artists.

General Studio Rules:

1. Respect fellow artists and their workspaces.
2. Clean up after yourself, including wheels, tables, and tools.
3. No outside clay or glazes without approval.
4. Report broken equipment or safety hazards immediately.

Pottery Wheel Safety:

1. Tie back long hair and avoid loose clothing.
2. Keep hands and tools clear of moving parts.
3. Turn off the wheel when not in use.
4. Clean the wheel and surrounding area after each session.

Kiln Safety:

1. Only authorized staff may load, unload, or operate kilns.
2. Do not touch kilns while they are running or cooling.
3. Keep flammable materials away from kilns.
4. Report unusual smells, sparks, or signs of malfunction immediately.

Material Safety:

1. Wear a mask when handling dry clay, glazes, or mixing materials.
2. Do not ingest or inhale clay, glaze, or any studio chemicals.
3. Wash hands thoroughly after working with materials.
4. Dispose of waste materials properly—do not pour clay or glaze down the drain.
5. MSDS are available from the manufacturer upon request.

Emergency Procedures:

1. First aid kits are located in the bathroom.
2. In case of injury, notify staff immediately.
3. Emergency exits are marked and must remain clear at all times.
4. In case of fire, evacuate and call emergency services.

Following these guidelines helps ensure a safe and productive environment for all members of our community studio. Thank you for your cooperation!