

DARKROOM & PHOTO STUDIO SAFETY & USE PROCEDURES

Failure to adhere to these rules, or disrespect given to instructors, monitors, students or staff will result in the inability to use the studio during Open Studio times, in addition to other penalties determined by your instructors, or the department chair.

The following Studio Safety Policies are applicable to Darkroom & Photo studio classrooms collegewide, and are in addition to the [Campus-wide General Art Studio Safety and Use Policy](#).

- **Food and beverages.** Food and beverages should not be consumed in the darkroom or film developing station. If you have been working in the studio, wash hands with soap and water prior to eating or drinking.
- **Cellphones.** Cellphones should not be used in the darkroom. The safelight provides enough light to move around the darkroom.
- **Eye wash and shower station.** The photo studio is equipped with both an eyewash station and shower station. All students should be familiarized with the location and operation of this equipment.
 - **Chemical in Eyes**

If you have gotten a chemical in your eye, use the EYEWASH STATION immediately to rinse your eye out until a medical team has arrived. Allow water to flow through the device for a few seconds before you place your eye into the water stream. Holding your eyelids open, allow water to stream directly into your eyes, rolling your eyes as you rinse. If you wear contacts, you should remove contacts after you begin rinsing as contacts may retain some of the contaminant. Continue rinsing for 15 minutes. Contact Campus Security. After flushing your eyes, you should see a medical doctor immediately.

CHEMICALS AND FUMES

- **Instructor approval required for all materials.** You may only use materials that have been introduced to you by an instructor, and only use as demonstrated. If you wish to use a material not previously introduced by the instructor, it must be approved by the instructor, in its original container, have your name on it, and you must provide the **Safety Data Sheet (SDS)** for the item.
- **Disposal of chemicals.** Dispose of all chemicals as instructed during demonstrations.

- **Avoid skin contact with chemicals.** It is advised to wear appropriate chemical-resistant gloves and aprons when handling chemicals. Follow instruction provided by instructor regarding each material.
- **Chemical spills.** In the event of a chemical spill, refer to the SDS sheet located in the Right-To-Know binder for instructions on handling the specific materials.
- **Chemicals** When not in use chemicals at film developing station and darkroom should remain covered.
- **Water** When not in use, water should be turned off at film developing station and in darkroom.

CLEAN UP PROCEDURES

- Wash hands with soap and water after working in darkroom and developing film.
- **Darkroom.** When finished in the darkroom:
 - Cover chemicals as instructed.
 - Turn off all water.
 - Clear enlarger stations of any debris.