

Safety Considerations

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Working With Scissors and Snips

- Wear Safety Goggles
- Carry Scissors and snips by the blade end
- Use tools below the waist level
- Place the item to be cut close to the pivot point so that it is easier to cut
- Snip items so they fall down onto the working surface
- Secure the safety function/catch when snips are not in use

Working With Saws

- Wear Safety Goggles Use the saw below the waist level
- Secure the mitre box to the work surface
- Check that the saw blade is properly in place
- Angle the teeth of the saw away from your body
- Keep fingers and thumb of the free hand away from the saw blade

Working With Glue Guns

- Read and listen carefully for instruction
- Be aware of First Aid precautions and treatment
- Use glue guns in the designated area
- Wear safety goggles
- Protect your work surface
- Always glue down to the object
- Use a stick to position an object being glued
- Never put anything up the barrel of the glue gun
- Have cool water available near your work case of a burn.
- Immerse the burn for at least ten minutes
- Inform the teacher immediately

Working With Hand Drills

- Wear safety goggles
- Use the drill below the waist level
- Change drill bits carefully
- Check that the drill bit is securely in place
- Drill on a flat, secured surface
- Be sure the object you are drilling is firmly in place