

3.8 Health and safety

Safe working practices

- Keep your work area clean, tidy and well organised
- Keep the area between benches and machines clear to avoid potential hazards which could cause you to trip and fall
- Check your tools before use to make sure that they are in good, safe condition. Report any which are blunt or broken.
- Report any faults, breakages or damage so that things can be replaced or repaired.
- Keep both hands behind the cutting edge when using sharp tools such as chisels.

What to wear

- Loose clothing of any sort is potentially dangerous
- Long hair should be tied back.
- No jewellery
- Good strong footwear
- Eye protection when necessary

How to behave

- Behave sensibly
- Do not rush around
- Common sense

A safe working environment

- Use personal protective equipment (PPE) This includes goggles, gloves, ear defenders when needed.
- Check tools and equipment for wear before using
- If using chemicals (paints, GRP etc) make sure you read instructions or seek advice before using.

Safety symbols

- Mandatory (ones you have to obey) are in blue
- Hazard warnings are shown within a diamond shape