Working in the art school has some very unique hazards. The following is a guide with categories to help identify and avoid some of these hazards.

**Physical Safety**

**DO**
- Keep your studio clear of trip hazards.
- Make sure you can see over or around things you’re carrying.
- Only use wood or metal shelving units that are capable of holding the maximum weight anticipated.
- Secure shelving units to prevent tipping.

**DON’T**
- Do not build any platforms, shelves or temporary walls unless approved by Tyler School of Art and Architecture.
- Do not hang or suspend objects overhead or from the ceiling without approval by Tyler School of Art and Architecture.
- Do not leave or store items in stairwells or in the hallway floors. Do not leave anything on stairs, even for just a moment.
- Do not work at heights greater than 4 feet without fall protection, unless working off of an approved ladder. For further details, please refer to our [Fall Protection Program](#).

**Chemical Safety**

**DO**
- Review the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) before using any new product.
- Substitute non-hazardous chemicals for hazardous chemicals whenever possible.
- Perform all work with hazardous chemicals under direct exhaust.
- Keep all chemical containers closed when not in use.
- Label all chemical containers with their chemical contents and hazard warnings.
- Know the locations of emergency equipment (e.g., first aid kits, eyewashes, emergency showers, fire pull stations, and landline phones).
- Clean up chemical spills immediately wearing proper PPE. Call EHRS for spill cleanup assistance, as necessary, at 215-707-2520.

**DON’T**
- Do not use paints and other products that contain toxic chemicals, carcinogens or reproductive hazards if possible. Examples include products that contain Cadmium, Chromium, Lead, and Silica.

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**Facilities**

Contact the Senior Facilities Manager for issues related to the buildings as well as safety concerns.

See our other Fact Sheet on Art Safety to learn about more hazards and how to avoid them.