

# DYEING SAFETY GUIDELINES

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## **Know & Respect Your Dyes**

There are many different types of dyes. Always read all product labels, warnings, and product safety sheets. If in doubt, check with the manufacturer.

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## **Protect Your Skin: Wear Gloves**

Always wear gloves when handling dyes and dyed materials. Wear oven mitts and when handling hot water or containers. Remember steam can also cause burns!

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## **Protect Your Lungs: Use a Respirator**

Powder dyes have very fine particles that can cause respiratory complications and allergic reactions. Wear a NIOSH approved respirator mask to minimize your risks.

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## **Protect Your Eyes: Wear Safety Goggles**

Wear safety goggles or other protective eye wear to protect your eyes from irritants and prevent exposure to chemicals.

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## **Protect Your Clothes: Wear Old Clothes & Apron**

Wear old clothes and an apron. Be sure to change clothes after dyeing and wash any clothes that may have been exposed to dyes.

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## **Use Dedicated Equipment. Do Not Mix With Food.**

Never eat, drink or cook while dyeing. Always use dedicated equipment that is only used for dyeing, including pots, pans, utensils, ovens, stoves, microwaves, etc.

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## **Keep Your Work Area Tidy: Clean Up as You Go**

Use damp paper towels or newspaper to absorb any dust particles from dyes. Always clean up any spills immediately. Pay attention to tripping or slipping hazards.

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## **Label Everything!**

Do not rely on your memory alone. Always label your supplies with information such as material, manufacturer, and product date. Label tools and equipment for fiber use only.

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## **Dispose of Dye Bath Water Responsibly**

Always follow manufacturers recommendations for safe dye bath water disposal minimize risk to the environment and other people, plants, and animals.