

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & SAFETY

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Mission/Overview/Summary

Develop a multidisciplinary means to identify and assess potential hazards, prevent unsafe acts and conditions, maintain and improve employee health through facility and curriculum self audits, and foster communication on health and safety issues.

OUR CHARTER

- To provide assistance to Institute faculty, staff and students in selecting those chemical products that can be manufactured, transported, used, stored and disposed of safely.
- To make health, safety, the environment and resource conservation critical considerations for all new and existing products and processes.
- To provide information on potential health or environmental risks presented when using certain art related materials or processes. and recommend and provide engineering controls as protective measures for employees, the public and other key stakeholders.
- To operate our facilities in a manner that protects the environment and the health and safety of our employees and the public.
- To support education and research on the health, safety and environmental effects of our products and processes.
- To work with others to resolve problems associated with past handling and disposal practices.
- To lead in the development of responsible operating practices and procedures that safeguards the community, workplace and environment.

SPECIFICS

FAQ, Issue, First contact, Best contact

Q. What should I know about handling and disposing of hazardous materials?

A. Be aware of what you're dealing with before you start using it or start working in an area where a hazardous material is being used or stored. Reading and using safety suggestions that are provided will help you understand the consequences of improper handling, use, storage and disposal practices, and help you recognize situations or conditions that may have the potential for immediate or long-term adverse health effects. Policies and best practices are summarized as follows:

- No smoking in buildings, residence halls (unless otherwise designated) or on fire escapes.
- No turpentine or turpentine-based products; it is a banned material.
- DO NOT spray aerosol cans in the Shop. Spray only in appropriately ventilated spray booths.

You should, in addition, refer to the chemical manufacturer's Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS)"Pratt Institute Waste Disposal Guide," and policies and procedures published in the "Student-Using Art Materials Safely Handbook." Highlights include:

- Select Non Toxic or less toxic art related products
- Wherever possible, RECYCLE or RECOVER process residuals.
- DISPOSE of process residuals and waste according to the Pratt Institute Waste Disposal Guide.
- Use Environmental Stations to dispose of, or recycle, waste. [Find out the locations of the closest Hazardous Waste Container and Brush Cleaning Station]
- Depositing hazardous waste into a receptacle for non-hazardous waste may potentially CONTAMINATE the entire contents so that it becomes regulated waste requiring proper disposal, regardless of the amount deposited – it is also illegal and costly.
- Improper disposal of regulated material as trash violates Pratt waste disposal policies. Offenders are subject to Institute disciplinary actions, as well as potential civil and criminal penalties by Federal, State and City authorities.

For more information, or if you require assistance contact the

Pratt Office of Environmental, Health and Safety.

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