



FFL Fab Lab Safety Guide

Using the FFL Fab Lab Safely

Before you begin a project, please read this information.

Supervise minors. It is required that anyone under age 9 is supervised by a parent or guardian in the Lab at all times. But supervision is highly encouraged for families of all ages, as the Lab contains sharp, hot, and potentially dangerous items. Younger kids should be encouraged to try our Little Makerspace, which features hands-on activities for ages 5-8.

Get “Certified” and attend a class. This is required of all FFL Fab Lab users who want to use the vinyl cutter or 3D printer. It is also required to use the Sewing Corner if you are a maker under age 16 or if you haven’t operated a sewing machine before. Ask us for a schedule of classes!

Focus. Do not distract others or let yourself be distracted when using tools.

Keep hands, fingers and hair away from the blades or other moving parts of equipment.

Maintain a safe work area

- Return tools to their proper storage area when not in use.
- Shut off and unplug items when you are finished using them. Let hot items cool first.
- Keep area free of debris and clutter while working.
- Clean up after you’re finished working.
- Clean up spills immediately. Cleaning materials are available; ask at the desk for help.
- When using blades, always close or cover the blade if possible when not in use.

Wear proper attire & safety equipment

- Safety goggles, gloves, ear protection, and masks are all available in the FFL Fab Lab.
- Wear closed-toed shoes.
- Tie back long hair.
- Avoid dangling jewelry.
- Wear clothing appropriate for the activity being performed.
- Keep sharp tools out of pockets.

Let us know if a tool isn’t working right or if you experience an injury.

Ask us if you have questions about proper operation of equipment or tools. If we don’t know, we can help you find the answer.