



Safety Guide

Read this information before you begin a project.

Supervise minors. It is required that anyone under age 13 is supervised by a parent or guardian in the MakerStudio at all times. But supervision is highly encouraged for families of all ages, as the MakerStudio contains sharp, hot, and potentially dangerous items. Younger kids should be encouraged to try our MakerStudio@GCLS Jr., which features hands-on activities for children under age 9.

Get “Certified.” Certification is required of all MakerStudio@GCLS users who want to use the vinyl cutter or 3D printer. Certification is also required to use the serger sewing machine if you are a maker under age 18, or if you haven’t operated a sewing machine before. Ask us for a schedule of classes. Certification training is scheduled by appointment. Contact make@gcls.org to schedule an appointment.

Review the Health and Safety sheet before using the **Virtual Reality headset**. Wearing the Virtual Reality headset is for **ages 13 and up** and for temporary use only.

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.

- Keep area free of debris and clutter while working.
- When using blades, always close or cover the blade if possible when not in use.
- Let hot items cool first.
- Clean up after you’re finished working.
- Return tools to their proper storage area when not in use.

Wear proper attire & safety equipment.

- Safety glasses and gloves are available in the MakerStudio.
- 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.

Notify staff if you experience an injury or if a tool isn’t working right.

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.