



Ogres-Holm Pottery

General Studio Safety Standards

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General Safety

- **Studio Dust:** Fine silica dust from clays and glazes is be the most hazardous thing the studio.
 - **Do not leave clay scraps on the floor.** There is a small broom/dustpan available to pick up clay scraps and trimmings from the floor.
 - Use wet sponges or towels to clean work surfaces.
 - We use hepa filter bags in the studio vacuum. Wear a mask when changing the bags.
 - We do not allow dry sanding or grinding of green ware, bisque or fired ware inside the studio.
 - If you are carving or cleaning your ware, use a container to keep trimmings off the floor.
 - Use walk-off mats in and out of the studio, please do not track dust into the mall.
- **Moldy Clay:** Ceramic clay is a wet product and may contain organic material that will mold.
 - Clay mold does not present an air born hazard while the clay is moist. Clay mold is destroyed in the initial bisque firing.
 - We have studio members who are extremely allergic to mold. The use of wet towels or sponges sealed in clay bags is prohibited due to mold hazards.
- **Cleaning Supplies**
 - OHP uses only environmentally safe cleaning supplies such as Simply Green brands.
- **Wet Floors are slippery!**
 - Pottery is messy, we make mud and spills often happen. Clean up spills as soon as possible and use caution in the area around wheels, work tables, glazing tables, and the wash sink.
- **Material Safety Data Sheets**
 - SDS are stored in PDF format and can be printed or emailed to you upon request.

Common Sense Stuff

- **Food and drink** in the studio (**No alcoholic beverages allowed during regular business hours**)
 - There are no rules preventing you from keeping a beverage nearby while you're working.
 - Unless there is a special event that involves food, we discourage eating while you work.
- **Clothing, jewelry, etc.**
 - Wear comfortable clothing that can get dirty in the studio. We do have aprons available.
 - We suggest you remove rings, bracelets, watches, etc. before you play in the mud to avoid damage.
 - OHP recommends short natural nails for working with clay.
 - Working in clay will mangle your manicure. It's not impossible but it can be frustrating.
 - Artificial Nails: There is the potential for artificial nails to get ripped off on the wheels.
 - Artificial nails are also prone to trapping waste, make sure you clean them well.
- **Cleanup (it is always the maids day off!)**
 - Members and visitors are required to clean up all areas they use. We will assess a cleaning fee for repeat offenders.

Kiln Room

- The Kiln Room is a restricted area. Only instructors and certified members are allowed in the kiln room.