

## Health and Safety Agreement

# GRAPHIC STUDIO DUBLIN

This document must be read and signed by all participants in etching classes at Graphic Studio Dublin

### Acid Baths

**Nitric Acid and ferric acids are hazardous and can burn the skin and can cause respiratory and other long term illnesses.**

- Masks and goggles and gloves to be worn **at all times in acid room**
- Acid room door must be kept closed at all times. Acid cabinet doors must be closed immediately after putting plates into or removing plates from acid baths.
- Acid must not be dripped onto floor.
- Ventilation fans must be kept on at all times when acid is being used.

### Aquatint

**Resin for aquatint is carcinogenic if inhaled.**

- Mask to be worn at all times when in aquatint room and when burning resin onto plate.
- Door to aquatint room must be kept closed at all times.
- Gas cylinder must be switched off at mains when not in use.

### Printing Presses

- When press bed is in motion keep both hands clear of all parts of press.
- Do not rest hands on press or adjust blankets near the rollers.
- Do not touch blankets with inky hands.
- Always clean bed of press after use.

## Guillotine

- **Risk of crushing fingers in blade guard or of cutting fingers in blade.**
- Keep hands well clear of blade.
- Protective gloves must be worn.

## Solvents and Chemicals

### Health Hazard

- Solvents and chemicals should be used in designated areas only.
- Eye protection and masks should be worn while using solvents and chemicals where appropriate.
- any spillage should be reported
- Barrier cream must be worn when printing

## Cleaning

- **Working areas in the studio must be kept tidy**
- cleanliness in the studio is not only maintained out of respect, but also may pose a serious fire hazard if not upheld.
- It is the responsibility of every student to clean up after themselves on an ongoing basis.
- Oily waste rags should be placed in the red bins.

## Fire Safety

- safe means of access and egress should be maintained at all times.
- Fire corridors must also be kept clear at all times.
- All students should be aware of all fire corridors and exits from the building.

I have read and agree to comply with the above safety regulations

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**signed**

**date**