



LAUNDRY & DYEING

WHAT THIS SHEET APPLIES TO

Dyeing, washing, drying fabric or clothing in the Laundry & Dye Room, Runnals 306.

RISKS INCLUDE

Exposure to toxic chemicals, respiratory problems, eye injuries, and burns.

GUIDELINES, RULES, & PROCEDURES

- All persons working in the laundry/dye area must have the approval of the Department of Performance, Theater, and Dance Costume Shop Manager.
- Know the location of the nearest first-aid kit and fire alarm pull boxes.
- Know the location of the nearest fire extinguisher and how to use it.

WHEN DYEING FABRIC:

- Look at MSDS sheets for the product before using.
- Open window for ventilation, use box fan if necessary.
- Wear rubber gloves to protect your skin.
- Wear protective clothing (lab coat).
- Wear goggles if you use caustic dyes or corrosive chemicals.
- Wear dust mask if using large amounts of powdered dye.
- Unplug hotplate after using.

WHEN USING THE WASHING MACHINE OR THE DRYER:

- Remain on the 3rd floor while in use.
- Remove the lint from the screen when done with the dryer.

FOR FURTHER UNDERSTANDING

Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) in the Costume Shop.

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Portsmouth, NH: Heinemann, 1992.

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Portsmouth, NH: Heinemann, 2003.