

Waterside Scrapstore

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Scrap Materials Info and Risk Assessment

Our users' safety is paramount and the Scrapstore terms and conditions state that you must risk assess all materials for suitability before using/playing with them. Our resources are all recycled and were not manufactured as toys so UK Toy safety standards do not apply. Please ensure that you supervise children playing with Scrapstore materials at all times. You are taking the place of safety standards.

PAPER AND CARD:

Flammable, has very sharp edges, not necessarily clean. Never allow anyone to chew or swallow.

PLASTICS (including acetate and perspex etc.):

Flammable, may give off noxious fumes, not clean, sharp edges and corners, can shatter, can be very heavy. Never use small pieces where someone is liable to swallow them.

FABRICS:

Usually flammable, not clean, can be very dusty, often not suitable for clothing.

ROPE, STRING, WIRE, COTTON etc.:

Can be flammable: can cause deep cuts and friction burns. Never allow someone to become entangled.

WOOD:

Heavy, can splinter, flammable, dusty, sharp edges, may be treated with chemicals.

RUBBER:

Often heavy, dirty, flammable, may have a coated adhesive which may harm or damage persons or property. Small pieces should not be used where someone is liable to swallow them.

GLASS:

Shatters, very sharp edges, should not be used without proper supervision or where breakage's can occur.

POLYSTYRENE:

Highly flammable, does not show up on X-ray if swallowed, dust from polystyrene, if inhaled, clings to the walls of the lungs. Due to the high number of potential hazards inherent with this material, it is better not to use it in most settings.

FOAM/SPONGE:

Can be highly flammable, is often dirty and dusty, is not necessarily a clean material.

IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING:

Most materials are flammable and some give off noxious fumes. Never use materials where there is a naked flame or lighted cigarettes. Never use or put materials near hot surfaces such as heaters.

Some materials are very heavy, either individually or in bulk. Never use or store heavy materials where they can fall on someone. Never encourage someone to carry heavy loads.

Many materials have sharp edges or corners. Always handle with care and ensure adequate supervision.

Small items can be swallowed, stick in the throat, ears, nose etc. Never use small objects where this can occur.

Most materials are not clean. Never use containers for food and drink etc. until you are absolutely sure they are clean. Never allow anyone to suck, chew or swallow any material.

REMEMBER!

Remember the other workers in your group may not be aware of these hazards. Make sure they have read this information.