| **Hazards** | **Is the hazard present?****Y/N** | **What is the risk?** | **Risk rating****H = High****M = MediumL = Low** | **Control measures** | **Is this control in place?****Y/N** | **If no, what actions are required to implement the control?** | **Person responsible** | **Date action completed** |
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| Sharp knives and cutters |  | Cuts/lacerations | H | Wherever possible, safety cutters are used instead of knives |  |  |  |  |
| H | Students are instructed about the safe use of safety cutters/knives especially the golden rule to always cut away from yourself (and other people) |
| H | Students are instructed about safe use of safety cutters/knives especially that you NEVER try to catch a falling knife and simply get out of its way as fast as possibleThe need for cut and stab proof personal protective equipment (PPE) is assessed,e.g. chainmail gloves (non-knife hand) and aprons for novice users |
| M | Safety cutters/knives kept sharp (blunt knives require additional force in use leading to accidents) |
| H | Safety cutters/knives are routinely checked for damaged blades or handles and at least once per term, and disposed of if damaged |
| M | Safety cutters/knives are stored separately to other equipment |
| H | Safety cutters/knives are counted out to students and counted back in at end of classShadow boards are considered for stricter control/where security may be a concern |
| H | Safety cutters/knives are washed in sink separately from other items of equipment and never left soaking in sinkKnives are soaked in a separate container as required |

If there is one or more **High Risk (H)** actions needed, then the risk of injury could be high and immediate action should be taken.

**Medium Risk (M)** actions should be dealt with as soon as possible. **Low Risk (L)** actions should be dealt with as soon as practicable.

Risk Assessment carried out by: Date: / /

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