**Use of Circle cutters - risk assessment**

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**Overview**

**This document contains…**

You will find guidance on using Circle cutters in Primary schools.

**Points to consider when using this resource**

This is guidance only, please adapt and amend to suit the needs of your students.

**Use of Circle cutters - risk assessment**

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| **A yellow and black tool  Description automatically generatedCircle cutters** |
| Please sign in the appropriate space to confirm your knowledge and understanding of the hazards and the risk control measures that should be applied when using Circle cutters. |
| **Activity** |
| USE OF CIRCLE CUTTERS  Used for card and felt / fabric.  NB: Fixed blade circle cutters are only suitable for cutting card  ONLY RESPONSIBLE KEY STAGE 2 PUPILS SHOULD USE CIRCLE CUTTERS UNDER DIRECT ADULT SUPERVISION. |
| **Hazards** |
| • Incorrect or careless use can cause cuts.  • Obscured work area (e.g. long hair).  • Damaged or blunt blades, causing knife to jump off surface or snap.  • Insufficient working space. |
| **Additional Hazards Identified** |
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| **Risk Control Measures** |
| • Check LA/employer guidance on the use of circle cutters.  • Instruction should be given on the correct use of the circle cutter.  • Cutter should only be used when the material to be cut is held securely onto a cutting mat.  • Fingers should be kept away from the cutting route.  • Long hair should be tied back.  • Ensure blades are in a good condition, clean and sharp and not blunt.  • Ensure that the cutters are in good condition, with no damage to plastic casing, and & all fixings are in place.  • Ensure that the working space is adequate for user not to be jostled. |
| **Additional Control Measures Identified** |
| **(If you have identified additional hazards you must describe what additional control measures need to be put in place)** |
| **All relevant staff have been made fully aware of the contents of this risk assessment** |
| Date of Risk Assessment:  Date of Review:  Name(s) of Assessor(s):    Signature of Subject Leader/Coordinator:  Signature of Headteacher: |

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