**Use of Hammers - risk assessment**

# HIAS MOODLE OPEN RESOURCE

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**Overview**

**This document contains…**

You will find guidance on using hammers 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 Hammers - risk assessment**

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| **A hammer with a wooden handle  Description automatically generatedHammer** |
| 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 hammers. |
| **Activity** |
| USE OF HAMMERS |
| **Hazards** |
| • The use of a hammer or mallet may give rise to an impact injury if used incorrectly.  • The work may fly off the bench if it is not held securely.  • Fingers can be hit and cause nasty bruising.  • Over-zealous raising of the hammer can cause eye injury.  • Over-zealous raising of the hammer can cause injury to other children. |
| **Additional Hazards Identified** |
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| **Risk Control Measures** |
| • In most D&T activities in primary schools the use of nails is limited and the need for, and use of, hammers therefore will be minimal. For most activities a drawing pin or panel pin might be used, but most joining of wood is done using card triangles.  • Pins to be hammered should be held with pliers or scrap card holders so that fingers are not near the striking edge.  • Hammers should only be used in a designated work space.  • Hammers should be of the appropriate size and weight for primary children to use.  • Check that the hammer head is secure before use.  • Work to be joined needs to be securely clamped to bench hook or table top.  • Goggles or safety glasses must be worn.  • Pupils should be appropriately supervised. |
| **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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