



SAFETY



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- Gas and electrical work is best left to a registered professional.
- Wear protective clothing including safety goggles, gloves and dust mask when working with potentially hazardous materials such as glass or spray paint. It is also advisable to wear a mask when working in a dusty environment e.g. sawing wood or MDF.
- When painting, or using any material that generates toxic fumes or dust, keep the room well ventilated. Never smoke while painting or standing close to a freshly painted area.
- When fixing or checking electrical appliances or connections, always switch off the power and remove the fuse or circuit breaker (MCB). If you're fixing an electrical appliance, switch off the appliance at the socket and pull out the plug. Wear rubber- soled shoes when working on electrics.
- Always use the correct tools for the job. It is worth investing in high quality equipment as this will be safer and will probably do the job quicker.
- Always keep a chemical fire extinguisher in the house. Never use water to put out a fire in an electrical appliance.
- Store tools in a safe place, out of the way of children and pets. Keep them in a box or a rack. When using knives, always cut away from you. Use a baton as a guide and run a sharp knife along the edge of it. Always store knives securely.
- Ladders are one of the main causes of DIY accidents. Erect the ladder according to the manufacturer's instructions. Never lean to one side as you could lose balance.
- When using a power drill, choose a model that has a plastic non-conducting body. Unplug the drill before fitting parts and remove the chuck key before switching it on. Avoid wearing loose clothing or jewellery, which could get caught in the drill.
- Don't rush as you're more likely to have an accident. Carefully plan the job before you start work. Know your limitations and consult a professional if you are unsure. It's also a good idea to ask someone if they can help you.
- Take extra care when removing artex or textured paint from walls as these materials may contain asbestos. Safety precautions must be followed when handling and disposing asbestos. Contact your local environmental health department for advice

http://www.bbc.co.uk/diysos/safety_orgs.shtml

- Where can you find registered professionals?
- Make a list of all protective clothing mentioned in the text.
- Make a list of all potentially dangerous devices and tools in the text.
- Name all activities mentioned in the text

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Mindmap:

1. dangerous activities?
2. dangerous devices?