



Planet ThinkSafe

At School – Classroom

School should be a safe place where you can learn and have fun. There are some hazards, though, so it is important that you know about them. ThinkSafe SAM will show you some of the common hazards in the classroom and how to work safely.

When you are in the classroom, and especially when you are doing practical activities, watch out for:

Spot the hazard	Assess the risk	Make the changes
Things like paint, glue, science chemicals and white board cleaner	They could make you sick, hurt your eyes or cause skin burns or rashes	Follow your teacher's instruction, use safely and put them away when not in use.
Sharp objects like scissors, compasses and art cutters	They could cause nasty cuts.	Use them safely for the intended purpose and put them away when not in use. Avoid walking with sharp objects. If you have to, carry them by your side and point the sharp end to the floor.
Glue guns and other electrical appliances	Glue guns may be hot and could cause burns. Can cause electric shock, electrocution or start a fire. Can trip on cords causing bruises, broken bones or other injuries.	Hold glue guns carefully by the handle and make sure that they are not used near other people or walking areas. Turn off electrical appliances when not in use and before unplugging them. Hold the plug and not the cord when unplugging them. Make sure cords from power points to appliances do not go across walking areas where people may trip on them.
Spills on the floor	You could slip, trip and fall causing bruises, broken bones or other injuries.	Tell the teacher so spills can be cleaned up straight away. Make sure the area is not used again until it is dry.
School bags or things on the floor	You could slip, trip and fall causing bruises, broken bones or other injuries.	Put things away properly and don't leave them on the floor. Move things that are on the floor to a safe place.
Rocking on your chair	You could fall off and hurt yourself, including bang your head on furniture or other hard surfaces.	Sit on your chair properly and don't rock – it's too risky.
Heaters	You could get burnt and the heater could cause fires	Keep yourself and other things away from the heater