

**SAFETY IN SECONDARY DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY  
GENERAL INTRODUCTION**

**(KEY STAGES 3 + 4 and POST 16)**

including:           **Electronics**  
                          **Food**  
                          **Graphics**  
                          **Construction and Resistant Materials**  
                          **Textiles**

This document is designed to support Design & Technology Faculty/Department Heads and teachers, by giving practical advice on Health & Safety issues.

The Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 requires employers to provide safety information and training. It also requires employees to co-operate with their employers in the observance of safe practice and to report any unsafe equipment or practices. These requirements have subsequently been made more specific by various regulations published under the 1974 Act. In particular, the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1992 (which require, amongst other things, that employers undertake Risk Assessment exercises in any areas of significant risk) and the Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1992 have considerable implications for teachers and others working in this area of the curriculum.

This document represents the Area Safety Policy: Safety in Secondary Design and Technology referred to in the Education Committee's Statement of Safety Policy.

In recent years the subject areas falling within the scope of this document have developed considerably. Design and Technology is now a statutory requirement for all pupils aged 5 -16 yrs. The changing nature of the subject has led to a broadened range of materials, processes and teaching methods being used. This document has been prepared in the L.E.A. by the Health and Safety Co-ordinator, Advisory Teachers and Subject Inspector, in consultation with teachers. It is acknowledged that there are many other published texts which are useful and relevant in this field. Some of these are listed in Appendix DT1.