

Safety checklist

Identify hazards

- Carefully survey the site for potentially hazardous materials.
- Seek professional advice or have suspect materials tested.

Prepare the work area

- Pregnant women, young children and pets should move out or be kept out of work areas.
- Seal the work area off from the rest of the house to stop dust and fumes spreading.
- Open windows to ventilate the work area if using paint, glues etc (VOCs)
- Cover the floor and soft furnishings with plastic.

Work safely

- Avoid creating dust and fume hazards where possible.
- Use Australian Standard (AS) approved safety gear.
- Lightly wet down areas to be worked on – beware of electricity.
- Avoid dry sweeping – wet down dust or vacuum it up using an industrial (HEPA) vacuum (not a domestic model).
- Wash hands and face before breaks. Do not eat, drink or smoke in the work area.

Clean up properly

- Clean up as you go and remove debris immediately.
- Wrap debris in plastic in the work area.
- Dispose of materials at a Department of Environment and Conservation (NSW) approved facility. Contact the Environment Line on 131 555 for a list of facilities.
- Wash yourself at the end of the day and wash work clothes separately from the family wash.