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## Safety Policy

Working with glass is an exciting experience, however a few simple rules are needed to ensure a safe and memorable time. It is important to be constantly aware of yourself, others, and your surroundings.

Assume everything in this studio is very hot and/or sharp. Be careful where you lean or place your hands. If you don't know, don't touch. If you prefer not to participate in a certain step or activity let us know. This is all about having fun and exploring the process of working with glass. In the unlikely event there is an accident notify a staff member immediately. For the safety of others if you are sick or think you may be coming down with something, please do not blow in our pipes.

During your Bubble Factory Orientation we will go over safety, emergency drills and advise you of the first aid kit and fire extinguisher locations. Please pay close attention to all information and instructions. The orientation is mandatory for all first time students. We will demonstrate the entire work process and walk you through each step. Ask questions or let us know if you are uncomfortable at any time.

A studio can be a dangerous environment where things can happen very quickly. Be prepared to stay focused and pay attention at all times, please refrain from using your phone during demos and while you are working. Feel free to ask our staff to take pictures or video if you would like. Watch out for others and always announce when you are moving with hot tools or hot glass in hand.

We work with high temperatures and you must hydrate before, during, and after your participation. If you feel ill, dizzy, weak or need a break notify staff and move away from the equipment to rehydrate. Water is available for all workshop participants.

In our effort to ensure your safety and the safety of others we require everyone to fill out a safety questionnaire. Alcohol is prohibited if you are enrolled in a class or are using any of the equipment. Drugs are strictly prohibited and all studios are smoke free. Smoking tobacco is reserved for the designated smoking area. We reserve the right to deny access or remove any participant from an event based on our assessment of the individual's potential risk of injury to themselves or others. Partial refunds for any remaining sessions may be issued upon receipt of a doctor's notice if it is determined you should not participate.

## In Preparation

### What to Wear:

- Wear natural fibers - long sleeves and blue jeans are recommended to protect your skin from the heat. Do not wear bulky, loose or heavy clothing.
- Wear closed toe shoes – no open toes or heels, no sandals. You will be standing most of the time so wear comfortable shoes.
- Protect your eyes – if you have safety glasses bring them.
- Tie back long hair. Long hair is defined as anything that hangs forward or covers eyes. (Bring hair elastic, headband, bandana, etc.)
- Do not: wear heavy metal jewelry that hangs away from your body as it conducts heat, especially watches or bracelets on your wrists.
- Do not: wear lipstick, lip gloss or Chapstick. Some projects require blowing through the pipe and lip cosmetics add to contamination.

### What to Bring:

- Hydrate. Drink lots of water prior to your participation. Bring your own refillable water bottle.
- Snacks are highly recommended. Bring your own lunch/dinner for long classes and shop rental times.
- Not necessary but useful items: flannel (to protect from heat), bandana
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### Miscellaneous:

- You may take pictures with permission of the instructor.
- Please review and sign our “Photo/Video Release” form (Please notify us if we cannot use your image for marketing & web site purposes).
- Do not: blow in our pipes if you are sick or think you may be sick.
- EVERYONE must fill out a questionnaire, sign a waiver/release form and take the mandatory orientation before working in the studio. (Students under 18 must fill out the “Waiver/Release Agreement (Minor Child)” instead of the “Waiver/Release Agreement”)
- Anyone under 18 MUST be accompanied by an adult or a parent or legal guardian must sign and submit the “Waiver/Release Agreement (Minor Child)”