

Safety Equipment Bulletin

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Introduction

Making fishing lures is a lot of fun provided you don't get hurt or sick while your doing it.

The bulletin summarizes some of the safety equipment that you should use while your making your lures.

The cost of this equipment is very small (apx. \$20) when compared to the cost of the medical treatment that you'll need if you don't use them.

Please, think safety first!

Safety Equipment

Disposable Hat

You can pick up these hats for about \$0.80 at your local paint store or home center (i.e. Loews or Home Depot). They do a great job of protecting your hair from any paint spray from accidentally tinting your hair. It's cheaper to wear the hat than explain to your friends why you tinted your hair a "shad" color.



Vinyl or Latex Gloves

Wearing disposable gloves during painting or when handling the lead sinkers will protect your skin from the harmful effects of the solvents in the paints and lead in the sinkers. In short, they are worth it! A box of 100 gloves will set you back about \$10 which is significantly less than the cost of any medical problems you will get, if you handle paint and lead for a prolong period of time with unprotected hands.

So buy the gloves, they're cheap and disposable and also make cleaning up a breeze.

Respirator

Protect your lungs from the harmful effects of paint spray. Wear a respirator. I recommend that you buy a disposable respirator that protects you from both paint spray and wood dust. They can be found in you local hardware or paint store and cost about \$4 each. When they get dirty, just toss it, and buy another mask.



Safety Glasses

These are a "must have" to protect your eyes. Buy a pare that are impact resistance so they can be used to protect your eyes from flying wood chips and paint spray.



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Apron or Old Shirt

This is a "must have" if you want to protect your clothes from paint and sawdust.

Worn-out Sneakers

Don't throw out your old sneakers. Use them when you paint.

Nothing is more painful than realizing that you just ruined your new \$100 sneakers when you accidentally sprayed or splashed some paint or solvent on them when you were finishing your lures.

Handling Materials

Lead

Always wear disposable **gloves** and **respirator** when handling lead sinkers or tackle and keep you fingers away from your mouth and don't rub your eyes while handling lead!

Hooks

Take care when handling your fishing hooks.

Try not to touch the sharp points of the hooks when you're handling them.

Wear **safety glasses** when handling your hooks to protect your eyes.

Paint

Wear your disposable **respirator**, **gloves**, **safety glasses**, **hat** and **apron** when you're applying any type of primer, paint or epoxy clear coat.

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