# **Sewing Machine Rules & Safety**

If the sewing machine is not operating properly, contact makerhelp@uconn.edu



## Safety Equipment Safety Glasses

### Hazards

Unguarded sewing needles can puncture fingers. If sewing needles are forced into hard materials they may break - sending small metal pieces flying.

### Dos

Do keep fingers back from the needle

Do unplug the machine if you step away (they create lots of heat)

Do inform a mentor of damage

Do ask a mentor if you have any questions or concerns

Do remove straight pins before they pass under the needle

#### Don'ts

Don't force the needle through materials that are too thick or tough (You will damage the internal gearing)

Don't sew over straight pins, they will damage the needle Don't leave sewing machine plugged in when you're done