

Toowoomba Art Society procedure

Using solvents at Culliford House

Toowoomba Art Society has a duty to ensure the health and safety of members, staff and others.

This procedure was developed following a risk assessment of the use of hazardous solvents at Culliford House.

Any person(s) using a hazardous solvent, including odourless mineral solvent must follow the procedures below:

1. The area must be well ventilated. Ensure fresh air and air flow is dispersing the fumes, and that the air is circulated effectively throughout the workspace. At a minimum, windows must be opened. Use fans and open doors any time that there is no breeze to assist airflow.
 - a. Consider others on hot or cold days where open windows and doors are not comfortable.
2. Consider using low hazard or non hazardous alternatives to solvents. [What is the Best Non-Toxic Oil Painting Solvent?](#)
3. Consider using alternative oil mediums for example, oils sticks, cold wax, oil pastels or undiluted oil paints.
4. Solvents and rags are not to be disposed of at Culliford House i.e. down sinks, in bins or the garden or drains.
5. Keep all solvents and rags in sealed storage containers whilst not in use.
6. Paint brushes are not to be cleaned at Culliford. Paint brushes and rags must be taken home to be cleaned or disposed of.
7. Hazardous solvents are not to be stored at Culliford House.