

Larrikin Puppets

Sock Puppet Craft Workshop Risk Assessment: UHU Craft Glue

Learning Outcome:

Using super fun and colourful puppetry kits featuring a range of pre-cut materials, Larrikin Puppets teaches students how to construct a beautifully detailed, quality sock puppet they can perform with and take home – something that has a long shelf life that they won't just throw away. Children build their fine motor skills; learn how puppets work functionally; and practice creativity, imagination and play.

Risk Description:

Each child is provided with a craft puppet kit. In the kit, each child is provided with their own tube of glue to use for the duration of the workshop.

The glue is called UHU - The All Purpose Adhesive 7mL. More info at www.uhu.com/en/product-page.3375

It is a fast-drying, strong adhesive ideal for sock puppet craft as it ensures the sock puppet mouth mechanism stays together and that craft materials don't fall off the sock puppet. Other glues are not as strong and do not create a quality puppet.



This glue isn't standard craft glue that children can use unsupervised. However, it is still safe for children to use (e.g. it's not super glue!). While contact with fingers is fine, contact with mouth and eyes ought to be avoided, just like any other glue.

The glue is highly flammable.

Precautions:

1. Explain to children very clearly at the beginning of the workshop and 2-3 times throughout the workshop that they need to avoid getting glue in their eyes and mouths.
2. Supervising adults to provide careful and close guidance of use of glue by children. Ensure there are enough supervising adults.
3. Primary school workshops require at least 1 adult per 10 students.
4. High school workshops require at least 1 adult per 20 students.
5. Public workshops for children aged under 10 require parental supervision throughout the duration of the workshop.
6. Ensure children with special needs are provided with one dedicated supervising adult to assist.
7. To avoid unsupervised use of glue, do not let children take glue home. Glue to be returned to Larrikin Puppets at the end of the workshop.
8. Do not use glue near an open flame.