

Edinburgh Printmakers

Screenprinting area

Changes to studio practice September 2020

Pressure washer restriction

We have been advised by Environmental health that the water vapour produced by the high pressure washer presents a high risk during Covid.

As a result we will have to alter how we work in screenprinting. Members are able to use the 'soft hose' but not the power washer.

Only staff can use the power washer and this needs to be at the end of the day so that the high levels of water vapour can settle before the area is used again.

We can currently only have 1 person using the wash out room at any one time.

Screen exposing- Members can coat and expose their own screens. Members can develop their own screens- washing out with the soft hose and rubbing with your glove.

If any areas need to be opened up with the power blaster, only staff can power blast to finish the process and this must happen after 5pm. The screen should be kept behind cardboard in the washout bay to keep it dark before it fully hardens.

Screen de-coating

Members can remove their own screen emulsion and chemical with the soft hose
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Or

Members can pay for staff to service-clean their screens. The charge for this is £10 and is by arrangement with staff.

Screen hazing

Members can coat their own screens with haze remover and, once left to dry, they can wash off the haze with water and soft hose.

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Screen wash out PPE

Wear gloves when working in the screen wash out room.

Visors- we recommend wearing a visor and a face covering when using the screen wash out bay with the soft hose.