

SAFETY IN CERAMICS (IMPORTANT)

The safe and proper use of ceramic materials is not only important, it is essential. Many materials you will use are safe and are clearly labeled Non Toxic. Those requiring special handling or posing a health risk are labeled Health Caution and/or include a statement identifying safety measures to be taken when using the material.

Safety is easy.

1. Use common sense!
2. Read all directions and warnings on labels prior to working with materials.
3. Avoid breathing the dust of dry materials, many of which contain silica. **Use a NIOSH approved respirator with ALL dry materials or when working with any materials, liquid or dry, which are known to be toxic.**
4. Keep potentially hazardous materials out of the reach of children.
5. Never smoke or consume food or beverages while working with ceramic materials.
6. Always wash up after working with ceramic materials and before smoking, eating or drinking.
7. Clean up (yourself and your workplace!) at the end of the day. *A cleaner shop is a safer shop.*
8. Be aware of the Non-Toxic* and Health Caution* labels on your Laguna products. Act accordingly.

WHY IS THERE A CANCER WARNING ON SOME CERAMIC PRODUCTS AND MATERIALS?

A significant number of chemicals and elements have been identified by Federal and State agencies, legislative bodies and voter-enacted propositions as carcinogenic. There is debate over the soundness of some of these decisions, but there is no debate over their legality. **IT IS UNEQUIVOCALLY THE LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY OF CERAMIC MANUFACTURERS AND SUPPLIERS TO LABEL ALL PRODUCTS CONTAINING ONE OR MORE OF THESE IDENTIFIED CHEMICALS AS "KNOWN TO CAUSE CANCER."** By simply following basic rules of cleanliness and common sense, such as the eight listed above, you can protect your health and the well being of those around you.

If you have questions about the safe use of a ceramic material, review the appropriate Material Safety Data Sheet at either www.lagunaclay.com or the website of the manufacturer of the material. You can also direct your question to (626) 330-0631 or info@lagunaclay.com.



These labels designate materials tested in accordance with the American Society of Testing and Materials health labeling standards ASTM C-1023 and D-4236. Under these standards, products certified Non-Toxic do not contain any material in sufficient quantity to be toxic or to constitute a chronic health hazard when handled responsibly. It is still Laguna's recommendation that NIOSH approved respirators be used whenever working with dry or dusty materials or when working with ANY material identified with a Toxic or Health Caution label.

QUALITY: WE GUARANTEE IT

Any Laguna product which is proven to be defective by standard and accepted testing methods for the ceramic industry will be replaced or repaired. Laguna is not liable for injury, loss or damage, direct or consequential, arising out of the use or the inability to properly use any product. If you have questions about the quality of Laguna products or the proper use of those products, contact our technical support staff by phone or e-mail.

OUR BEST ADVICE: TEST, TEST, TEST

Laguna raw materials are the best available. We buy from the country's foremost mines, and each formulated clay body and glaze is carefully tested in our lab to ensure that you receive a top quality product. But testing cannot stop at our factory. Because everything from the type of kiln you use, to your firing environment, and even your local water supply can effect the end result of your efforts, **IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU TEST ALL CLAYS AND GLAZES IN YOUR APPLICATION AND UNDER YOUR CONDITIONS BEFORE UTILIZING THEM IN PRODUCTION.**

Questions? Contact info@lagunaclay.com

