

Lab Protocols and Safety

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The rules described herein are set forth by the [Electric Guitar Innovation Lab](#) and [Interactive Music Systems Lab](#) (referred to herein collectively as “the lab”), and are to be adhered to for all lab-related projects, whether working within Riley G11D, G11A, or elsewhere (referred to herein as the “lab space”).

Consult the available documentation for all equipment at:

https://vjmedia.wpi.edu/Private:Riley_G11A

https://vjmedia.wpi.edu/Private:Riley_G11D

1. General

- 1.1. Ensure that all equipment, tools, and materials in the lab stay in their designated place; specifically, amps, cables, tools, instruments, the mixer, pedals, etc. in G11D or G11A should not move to other lab spaces.
 - 1.1.1. If you'd like to borrow something, email VJ Manzo (vjmanzo@wpi.edu) to ensure that what you'd like to borrow is not something scheduled for use in another project.
- 1.2. If you need to leave personal items (items not associated with an in-progress project) in the lab space, email VJ Manzo, so we can work out a suitable space.
- 1.3. If equipment, tools, etc. are damaged during use, or found to be damaged or non-functional, please notify Ryan McKenna (rpmckenna@wpi.edu) as soon as possible.

2. Soldering Irons

- 2.1. Do not use under the influence of drugs or alcohol
- 2.2. Always return iron to the metal holder
- 2.3. Use a fume extractor when possible
- 2.4. Always unplug the soldering iron and soldering station when not in use

3. Pickup winder

- 3.1. Do not use if alone in the lab
- 3.2. Do not use under the influence of drugs or alcohol
- 3.3. Unplug when not in use
- 3.4. Do not wear loose-fitting necklaces or clothing while using winder
- 3.5. Do not wear rings or bracelets when using winder
- 3.6. Do not wear gloves when using winder
- 3.7. Tie up long hair or wear hat when using winder
- 3.8. Wear safety glasses when using winder

- 3.9. **To turn on winder:** place one hand in your pocket, and use the other to turn on the switch. This mitigates the risk of inadvertently placing your free hand on a part that may become energized or start to move.

4. Dremel, Power Drills, Drill Press

- 4.1. Do not use if alone in the lab
- 4.2. Do not use under the influence of drugs or alcohol
- 4.3. Unplug when not in use
- 4.4. Tie up long hair or wear hat when using
- 4.5. Do not wear gloves when using Drill Press (OK to use gloves with dremel)
- 4.6. Wear safety glasses when using Dremel
- 4.7. Clean up any mess you make

5. Tube Amps

- 5.1. **To turn on:** Turn Master Volume all the way down, Turn "AC Power" ON, let sit for 1 min, then turn "Standby" to PLAY. Slowly increase Master volume to appropriate level
- 5.2. **To turn off:** Turn "Standby" to MUTE, then turn "AC Power" OFF

6. Other Amps/Speakers

- 6.1. The Fractal Axe FX amp should always be left powered ON
- 6.2. The outputs of the Fractal are connected to the inputs of two Atomic Amps MKII Neo speakers, which should also always be left powered ON

7. 3D Printer

- 7.1. Do not let the the 3D printer run unattended
- 7.2. Do not use under the influence of drugs or alcohol
- 7.3. **To turn on:** Turn the power switch on the back of the unit to "on"
- 7.4. **To turn off:** Turn the power switch on the back of the unit to "on"
- 7.5. Sand your prints outside of the lab space

Revision History

Revision	Date	Description	Author
2021-02-15	February 15, 2021	Initial Release	Ryan McKenna
2022-04-23		Added 3D Printer Section	V.J. Manzo
2022-07-01		Added organization/anti-mess procedures and Other Amps section	V.J. Manzo

Authorized Users Signoff Form

Any contributor who is to use equipment or items belonging to the lab must be trained per the accompanying revision of the "Lab Protocols and Safety" document. Contributors must be re-trained on subsequent updates.

Printing and signing your name below constitutes an agreement to the following:

"I acknowledge that I have been trained on Lab Protocols and Safety, and will uphold these rules during all activities relating to or involving the lab."

Printed Name

Signature

Date