

GENERAL MUSIC SAFETY REGULATIONS

All students enrolled in music classes should be aware that there are numerous possible hazards involved in the use of and proximity to certain instruments with regard to student hearing and other possible injuries. The use of the music facilities necessitates the agreement by students to abide by safety precautions and to use care and judgment in all practice and performance activities.

No food or drink allowed in practice rooms, classrooms or performance spaces at any time.

VSU is a smoke free campus. No smoking is allowed anywhere on campus.

A first-aid kit is available in the Music Department and Office of the Dean. Students should be aware of the location of the nearest fire extinguishers. Knowledge of artificial respiration, CPR, and other skills which are covered in Red Cross first-aid classes will probably save a life at a time when it is least expected. Students can contact the VSU Physical Education Department, Red Cross, or Georgia State Patrol for availability of such courses. All Music Education majors are required to take and pass CRP First Aid course for certification.

Clean up practice areas. Don't leave, food, bottles, old discarded reeds and other material in rooms. Whenever appropriate, keep room free of instrument cases as well for use by others. Never leave practice room with instrument unattended for more than 10 minutes.

Do not engage in horseplay in Music rehearsal or practice spaces.

Do not place extension cords in high traffic areas or in any area in which they may present a potential accident.

Any potentially hazardous (broken power cords, loose electrical connections, dull reed cutting tools) should be reported immediately to the instructor.

It is advisable to use the buddy system when leaving the building at night. Do not walk alone whenever possible. Call public safety to get an escort to your car or back to the dorm.

Only VSU students or students taking music classes are allowed in practice rooms. Unauthorized visitors should not be in practice rooms or halls. Please report any violations to Department.

Proper lifting techniques should always be observed when moving heavy instruments such as pianos, large instruments.

“Right to know” information is included in resources of Music webpage under Health and Safety section: <http://www.valdosta.edu/colleges/arts/music/resources.php>

If an injury occurs in a practice room, classroom or performance space after class hours, contact the University Police at: 229.259.5555 for appropriate medical assistance.

Any student who causes intentional damage to property of the department of music or who causes disruptive behavior or disorderly conduct is subject to rules governing university policy listed in VSU student handbook volume V-see Appendix A: Section II (D and E).