Sewing Machine Rules & Safety

If the sewing machine is not operating properly, contact makerhelp@uconn.edu

Safety Equipment
Safety Glasses

Hazards
Unguarded sewing needles can puncture fingers. If sewing needles are forced into hard materials they may break - sending small metal pieces flying.

Dos
Do keep fingers back from the needle
Do unplug the machine if you step away (they create lots of heat)
Do inform a mentor of damage
Do ask a mentor if you have any questions or concerns
Do remove straight pins before they pass under the needle

Don’ts
Don’t force the needle through materials that are too thick or tough (You will damage the internal gearing)
Don’t sew over straight pins, they will damage the needle
Don’t leave sewing machine plugged in when you’re done