



TAP LAB SAFETY LEVEL:
LOW RISK

Read the safety card
Operate the tool in accordance with the safety card

Sewing Machines

KEY RISKS:



Sharp objects



Breakage

PURPOSE:

A standard sewing machine is used for sewing fabric to make clothing or other items.

SAFETY:

- Keep fingers clear of the needle when operating the machine.
- Ensure your hair or other loose clothing is clear of the machine.
- **Experienced sewing machine users** will likely be able to use the standard sewing machines at TAP lab without any additional training but must ensure they ask for help or refer to the manuals as needed (e.g. troubleshooting on tension, appropriate needle size, speciality stitches). If you are having trouble finding a manual please ask.
- **Beginner sewers** should seek help until able to competently use a sewing machine independently.
- If threading a machine you must ensure you do it correctly. Using a sewing machine that is incorrectly threaded could damage the machine and/or break needles. There are manuals available for each machine that show how to thread them.
- Avoid sewing over pins as this can lead to broken needles.
- Don't use fabric that is too thick or heavy for the machine, it can break needles and could cause damage to the machine.
- Dispose of broken needles safely, we have a yellow sharps tin near the tools.
- Turn off when not in use or when you are performing any adjustments (e.g. changing needle or presser foot).

