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MODEL RISK ASSESSMENTS FOR DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

This SIM advises on the publication of a collection of model risk assessments by The Consortium of Local Education Authorities for the Provision of Science Services (CLEAPSS) School Science Service.

1 *Model risk assessments for design and technology in secondary schools and colleges* has recently been published by The CLEAPSS School Science Service. The publication is in three parts dealing with *Resistant Materials*, *Compliant Materials* and *Food Technology* respectively.

2 Earlier editions of Part 1 (*Resistant Materials*) were known as *Risk Assessments for Technology in Schools*. The new edition also contains model risk assessments covering work with compliant materials, ie fabrics (and other textiles), paper and card, and with substances and activities in food technology.

3 The introductions to each part highlight that schools and colleges will need to adapt individual assessments to take account of local circumstances, for example factors such as class size, maturity, behaviour of students etc.

4 The publication is only available to education authorities (and their schools) who are members of CLEAPSS and to those foundation, voluntary aided, independent schools, incorporated colleges and other institutes which are associate members.

5 Inspectors may wish to be aware of the advice in these model risk assessments when investigating accidents and incidents in schools and colleges. The Sector holds a copy of the publication and can supply relevant extracts on request.

6 The Sector would be pleased to receive comments from inspectors on specific risk assessments so that any concerns or issues can be raised with CLEAPSS centrally.

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