



SAFETY CHECKLIST



KILN SET-UP

To Do...

Check the wiring.

- Use the manufacturer's recommended wire size.
- Have your electrician consult with the kiln manual and manufacturer.

Choose a safe location.

- At least 18" away from drywall or 12" away from cinderblock walls

Inspect the plug.

- Unplug the kiln and inspect the prongs of the plug.
- If they are not shiny, take a piece of sandpaper and sand them until they are.

Make sure all the elements in your kiln are in working order.

- Have individual switches? Turn them on one at a time. They should hum or buzz.
- Turn off the lights and turn on the kiln. Make sure the elements glow orange.
- **If needed, check each element:** take a small scrap of paper, fold it in half and stick it into the element while the kiln is OFF. Then, turn on that element. If the paper burns, the element is working. You can do this for one element at a time or test them all at once. Elements that do not turn the paper brown or set it on fire need to be replaced.

Check the plug temperature.

- While the kiln is firing, touch the plug and cord. **They should feel cool.**
 - **Slightly warm?** It's OK.
 - **Hot?** Do not fire the kiln until you have an electrician or kiln technician inspect it to find the problem.

Note: ALWAYS read your kiln manual before firing. If you have questions, contact your kiln manufacturer.