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All work, including associated display structures (screens/ plinths etc.) should be adequately robust and stable. This includes support during installation and de-install when they may not have the full support of the final structure in place. They should also be able to withstand reasonable 'jostling' on a busy opening night etc., and any other imposed loads (such as wind) if applicable. Any items (e.g. projectors or monitors) displayed on plinths should be sufficiently secured by means of fixings or a retaining lip to prevent them falling, if their doing so would present a risk.

If you are having a plinth made to a specific size for your project it may also be possible to fit the upper surface. Plinths must be of sufficient size to accommodate the chosen equipment. It should be possible to incorporate weighting within the structure of a plinth to reduce the risk of it being knocked over.

Similarly, sculptures, structures, models and displays may require integral fixing points to provide them with sufficient stability and support, and these should be incorporated from an early stage of the design.



## 10. Glass:

Planned installations using glass should ***always*** use safety glass with bevelled edges.

There are different categories of safety glass. However the two types detailed below reduce the risk of shatter and the risk from cutting injuries:

**Toughened:** Toughened-glass is heat-treated and does not shatter. It disintegrates into small, granular pieces, which are not sharp, and reduces the risk of injury. Small pieces will still be dangerous to children so ensure they are kept away in the event of breakage.

**Laminated:** Laminated glass consists of two or more sheets of ordinary glass attached together by a plastic interlayer. On impact any broken glass will remain attached to the plastic reducing the risk of injury

## 11. Other Guidance:

For further information and guidance you should refer to the Occupational Health and Safety page of the GSA webpage which you can access here: <http://www.gsa.ac.uk/about-gsa/key-information/occupational-health-and-safety/>