



Day 2: Wire Safety



Wire safety isn't often talked about, but it's important. I have some tips for you.

Safety Equipment

Safety Glasses

Your eyes are a very valuable asset and you don't want to lose them when it's so simple to protect them. Wear glasses, safety glass or jewelry making gear with protective eye wear built in. That way when you cut a piece of wire and it goes flying it won't end up in your eyes.

I use my reading glasses because, frankly, I need them to see what I'm doing when I make jewelry anyway.

Anti-fatigue gloves

These are great when you're doing small repetitive movements like jewelry making or really making anything and, of course, typing. Wear these and you can save yourself a lot of pain later, especially if you're having a long jewelry making session.

I use knitting gloves. You probably won't find these in the jewelry making section, but in the knitting/crochet section of a craft store.

Flying wire

Wire is springy and goes where it wants to. Try to cover the top of wire when you cut it to minimize how far it flies. Take the time to pick up wire when it flies because it could end up in someone's bare foot later (I know too well.)

Wire can also break when you pull on it. For example, when I make rings I pull very hard. The wire could break and then you could even end up with a tool in your eye. So be very aware and careful.

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