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Sewing Machine Safety
Sewing machines are fast and convenient. They can also be dangerous if you don't take the proper precautions while using them.

Unplug After Every Use
After you've finished using your sewing machine for the day, unplug it. It's a simple safety precaution that you should make into a habit and to be on the safe side, always turn the sewing machine off before threading the needle. Even if you're sure the machine is off, make sure your feet aren't anywhere near the pedal.

Tie Your Hair Back
A sewing machine has a lot of parts which move at incredible speeds when the machine is in use. And if you let your long, flowing hair hang loose while sewing, it can easily get caught in one of those rapidly moving parts. All it takes is for you to lean a little too close to your machine, and your hair could end up getting caught in your sewing machine. This is never fun.

Pay Attention
When sewing on a sewing machine, your fingers can be pretty vulnerable, especially if you aren't paying as much attention as you should. So the first of using a sewing machine is to always pay attention to what you're doing. Let your mind wander for even a moment, and you could end up needing a bandage or two. If you have to look away from your sewing machine for any reason completely stop what you're doing first before glancing away.

Don't let your fingers get too close.
Sew at a slow, steady pace. Trying to move too fast, and rush things, could end in a trip to the first aid kit.

Keep your work area tidy.
Remove any objects that could get any your way or become entangled in your work or sewing machine.