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Specific user regulations for handling items from the archaeological collection in the Study Centre

A wide range of items from the archaeological collection is available in the Study Centre for research purposes. Since these objects are valuable and often very delicate, we kindly ask users to observe the safety requirements and comply with the following points:

Gloves

Sweat from your hands contains salt and acids which cause corrosion of metal objects and glass. Organic materials discolour easily and stains appear on ceramics and stone.

This damage is not reversible, so the gloves provided must be worn at all times when handling these items.

Working base

Your workstation is equipped with a padded base made of material that is low in contaminating substances. The objects should be placed only on this base.

Aids

The use of any tools or aids to measure objects (e.g. callipers, drawing tools) must be strictly agreed to in advance with the relevant contact person. As a rule, no metal tools may be used as they could damage the surfaces of the objects.

Handling

Many of the objects are fragile. Do not manipulate or move the objects any more than is absolutely necessary.

Thank you for complying with these user regulations. If you have any questions or if anything is unclear, we would be happy to help you.

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