**Vinyl Cutter Safety Main Points**

* The blade is held in the cutting carriage.
* The cutting carriage moves the blade back and forth during cutting.
* Do NOT put your hands in the cutting area while cutting is in progress.
* If cutting is not going as planned, do NOT try to fix it while cutting is in progress.
* Before making any adjustments select the “Pause” button.
* After adjusting, continue cutting by selecting the “Pause” button again.
* If the blade’s force needs to be adjusted find an Innovation Lab staff member to help you.
* Before telling the vinyl cutter to cut a design, always perform a test cut. (You will learn more about how to perform a test cut later in this course).
* Always handle the vinyl cutter with care to protect it from damage.
* Check with Innovation Lab staff to be sure any non-vinyl materials you want to cut can be cut by the vinyl cutter.
* Always set up cuts to begin in the bottom left corner of your material. This helps to minimize waste and protect our resources.