

The following requirements must be read in conjunction with the GENERAL WORKSHOP SAFETY RULES SP01. Remember safety is your responsibility and that all wood dust is carcinogenic. Know and accept your capabilities and limitations and where uncertain consult Supervisor.

1. Use a face shield for all lathe work.
2. Use a dust mask when sanding.
3. Use earplugs when turning for an extended period.
4. Turn off lathe before adjusting tool rest.
5. Remove chuck keys, adjusting wrenches and knockout bars before turning on lathe.
6. When using a faceplate, ensure work piece is properly mounted with stout screws.
7. When spindle turning ensure work piece is firmly mounted between drive and live centres.
8. When using glue chucks ensure adequate glue is used and that it is properly cooled with freezer blocks and the heating appliance is turned off after use. Use tailstock for added support, particularly for out of balance pieces.
9. Rotate work piece to ensure it is firm and clears tool rest and bed before turning on lathe.
10. Stand to side (out of the firing line) when turning on lathe with hand on off switch.
11. Check lathe speed before turning on. Slower speeds for large diameters or out of balance pieces. If lathe vibrates lower speed. If work piece vibrates STOP lathe immediately and check with Supervisor.
12. Extra caution is required when using stock with cracks, splits, checks, bark, knots irregular shapes or protuberances. Inexperienced turners should avoid such stock.
13. Hold turning tools securely on tool rest before starting to cut.
14. Ensure bevel is rubbing on rotating wood before slowly lifting chisel to cut, and then move forward in direction of cut, cutting and rubbing at the same time.
15. Stop lathe before changing tools.
16. Always remove tool rest before sanding or finishing.
17. Do not overreach, keep proper footing and balance at all times.
18. Ensure work area is well lit and use magnetised desk lamps attached to lathe.
19. Never leave lathe running and unattended. Do not leave lathe until it is completely stopped.
20. STAY ALERT. WATCH WHAT YOU ARE DOING. PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO UNUSUAL SOUNDS OR VIBRATIONS. STOP LATHE AND INVESTIGATE CAUSE AND SEEK ADVICE.

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