

Introduction

The Health and Safety Reform Act 2015 has implications for community organisations. Now, not-for-profit organisations need to consider whether and, if so, what parts of their activities may be covered by the Act, and just as a “she’ll be right” approach to health and safety is not appropriate in for-profit commerce, neither is it appropriate in a community organisation’s activities. While the new statute does not always apply to community organisations an NAW Club or Guild should always comply with best health and safety practices.

Common woodturning health and safety risks (to woodturners and those nearby) include accidents associated with machinery, tools, and wood becoming detached from the lathe; dust; fumes from and contact with colouring agents and finishing materials, and messy working conditions. The NAW Certificate in Woodturning emphasises the importance of safety while woodturning, and further information is available at http://www.naw.org.nz/resources/h_and_s.html.

Gathering wood for turning (tree felling, lopping branches, converting logs into blanks, and trimming blanks) also involves risks to those carrying out the work and others nearby.

Health and Safety Declaration

I,
declare that when in my Club’s/Guild’s premises or engaged in its activities anywhere else I will:

1. Follow and abide by the health, safety and work practices taught as part of the NAW’s Certificate in Woodturning (and I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to learn about and remember those health, safety and work practices),
2. Before turning on a lathe, ensure that chuck jaws are securely attached to the chuck, that the lathe will turn in the correct direction and at an appropriate speed, and that (where possible) the tail stock is used to provide additional safety,
3. Always turn wood at a speed that is appropriate to the characteristics of the wood being turned and which will minimise the risk of injury to myself and others,
4. Always turn with sharp tools which are appropriate to the task being undertaken,
5. When gathering or trimming wood, and turning or decorating wood always:
 - (a) Secure any loose hair and clothing to avoid it being caught in machinery or wood, and
 - (b) Wear or use appropriate safety equipment (such as a face shield, safety glasses, dust mask, gloves, etc), and
6. Promptly and without argument comply with all directions of a designated Guild safety officer.

Signed:

Date:

Note: One signed copy is to be retained by the Club/Guild, and one copy is to be retained by the member.
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