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# **SAFETY RULES**

**YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY AND THE SAFETY OF OTHERS**

## **PERSONAL SAFETY CHECKS BEFORE TURNING ON YOUR LATHE:**

- CLOTHING – close fitting and securely fastened
- SAFETY GLASSES/FACE SHIELD – worn, undamaged and clean
- FOOTWEAR – feet protected
- NO UNSECURED – long hair, jewellery, etc
- FOOTING – floor not slippery or obstructed
- CLEAR AREA – around lathe

## **BEFORE TURNING ON YOUR LATHE, ALWAYS CHECK SET-UP:**

- WOOD – sound, firmly secured, and balanced
- CHUCK – secure on headstock, jaws in good condition and tight
- SPINDLE – unlocked
- TOOLREST – at correct height
- SECURELY LOCKED – toolrest, tailstock, and headstock
- CLEARANCES – tool rest and work piece (rotate a full revolution)
- LIGHTING – placement
- TOOLS – sharp and at hand on table
- CORRECT SPEED – SLOW to start for larger or unbalanced pieces

## **WHEN WORKING:**

- STAND CLEAR WHEN STARTING LATHE
- STOP LATHE BEFORE ALTERING TOOLREST
- DON'T LEAVE LATHE RUNNING UNATTENDED
- UNUSUAL NOISES – STOP IMMEDIATELY – check work piece fixing, faults or cracks in timber, clearances, and lathe
- SANDING – move toolrest well clear, and keep speed low (to avoid burning fingers, and heat cracks in wood)

## **WHEN FINISHED:**

- TURN OFF POWER TO LATHE
- CLEAN UP – lathe, tools, tool table and floor area
- RETURN – gear to storage

**IF UNSURE ABOUT ANYTHING – ALWAYS CHECK OR ASK!**