

EVERYONE!

PLEASE REVIEW THESE POLICIES

There appears to be some ongoing confusion about two safety policies at both shops. Please take the time to read and be familiar with the below policies.

SAFETY DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

The Safety Department was initiated over one year ago under the leadership of then President Mike Borfitz, and approved by the EOC (Executive Operating Council).

- Safety Department members work four hour shifts as they are able. We do not have enough staff to be on duty every day the shop is open.
- They support the regular daily floor monitors, and check in with them at the start of their shift and during the shift.
- The floor monitors are instructed to seek help from a safety team member if they have questions or are unsure how a machine should be operated.
- Safety members may work on personal projects while they are on duty, but they are expected to spend more time touring and helping as a safety member than they do on their personal project. They are also expected to keep an open ear and a sharp eye out for any sights or sounds that are not usual, and to check out anything that doesn't seem quite right. This may mean they approach a shop member and have a friendly conversation with them about what the member is trying to accomplish.
- Not all safety department members are of equal woodworking knowledge, and are not expected to have all the answers to every question.
- If any member has any issue with a safety member, please do not confront them but bring the issue to the attention of Steve Eikenberry or John Herega.
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LATHE FACE SHIELD SAFETY RULES, AND MORE

There appears to be ongoing confusion about what the lathe safety rules are for both shops. Below is the policy adopted March 26, 2022 and approved by the club president and the EOC.

The safety policy is designed to keep turners safe. There may be situations where following the safety policy may not be the best method, and allowances can be made for those infrequent situations.

1. Face shields are mandatory at both shops for all lathe operations involving any lathe tool. VWC face shields are stored at each lathe in a cubby for your use. If you use your own face shield, it must have sturdy headgear and sturdy framing. You do not need to use a face shield when sanding or applying finish at low speeds.
2. Safety glasses must be worn under the face shield regardless of the type of face shield.
3. Tailstock support is required for all turning operations unless using tailstock support prevents the intended operation.
4. You must clean the face shield after use and before stowing it. Any damaged face shield must be turned in for repair. Do not return a damaged face shield to the storage cubby.