



Test Valley Turners Safety Policy

Test Valley Turners recognises that wood turning can be a hazardous occupation.

It is our policy that all demonstrations at monthly meetings or in full day workshops should be carried out in a manner that both protects the health and safety of the demonstrator and members of the audience, and encourages those in the audience to use safe working practices in their own workshops. Members are expected to take responsibility for their personal safety

1. Demonstrators should use good workshop practice, relevant to the techniques being demonstrated, for example (but not exclusively)
 - a. There should be no loose hair or clothing if rotating equipment is being used
 - b. Sturdy footwear should be worn
 - c. Eye protection should be used
 - d. Chuck keys and tommy bars should not be left in chucks
 - e. Equipment should not be left running when not in use
 - f. Angle grinder type equipment should be unplugged when not in use
 - g. Adjustments to tool rests with the work piece rotating **should only be made after appropriate risk assessment**
 - h. Minimum sanding should be used unless dust extraction equipment is employed
2. Movement of lathes and other heavy equipment etc should be done with care and sufficient assistance to minimise the risk of personal injury
3. Power supplies should be provided with (club supplied) RCD protection
4. Electrical and camera/projector cables should be tidy and appropriately fixed to avoid the risk of tripping
5. Fire exits must be properly identified and pointed out to the audience at the commencement of meetings
6. The club will provide a first aid box, unless one is available on the premises being used
7. Members of the audience should maintain a sensible distance from the lathe while in use. The club endeavours to provide camera/projection equipment to ensure that the demonstration can be appreciated from a safe distance
8. The committee will undertake risk assessment and revise this policy from time to time, or in the event of a perceived change to risk
9. Members should bring to the attention of the committee any contravention of this policy
10. A copy of this policy will be provided to all demonstrators