



Kansas City Woodworker's Guild

Safety Guidelines for Presenters & Exhibitors

Presentations and demonstrations by the Kansas City Woodworker's Guild, or at monthly meetings, should exhibit all of the attributes of a skilled craftsman. Safety is a significant trait of a skilled craftsman. The key to the prevention of accidents during a live woodworking demonstration is to recognize the hazards presented by the demonstration and the presentation method. Following these simple tips will help ensure a safe demonstration.

➤ **Hazard Awareness and Risk Assessment**

- The demonstrator must always wear the appropriate personal protective equipment when operating the power equipment. (i.e. safety glasses face shield, etc.)
- A safety perimeter of six (6) feet around any power tool demonstration should be maintained with a barrier to avoid encroachment.
- If a safety perimeter cannot be maintained, a shield or guard should be used to protect the public if flying chips, dust, sparks or projectiles could strike an observer.
- In selecting the demonstration area, make sure enough space is available for the demonstration as well as, an obstruction free viewing area for the public.
- Be aware of the kickback zones. Take every precaution to protect yourself and observers.
- Remove loose fitting clothing and tie back long hair while operating a power tool.
- Give your work or demonstration your undivided attention. If you are answering a question, stop work and shut off the power tool.
- The demonstrator must use safety glasses and/or face shield. Hearing protection must be worn during power tool presentations.

➤ **Tripping Hazards**

- Electrical cords must be taped to the floor in traffic areas to prevent tripping.
- Debris, liquids and sawdust will impair traction or footing; periodically remove any accumulation of saw dust. This will help ensure that everyone will avoid slips and falls.

➤ **Machine Operation -**

- Guards and shields must be used on table saws and all other power tools being used during demonstrations.
- No machine should ever be left running and unattended at any time.