Wood Studio Health and Safety

Shop Users are required to observe rules and concerns for Health and Safety

Machinery and tools:

Always use guards, push sticks and other safety devices.
Always use safe procedures and techniques.
Always lock out power to power machines before changing blades or cutters.
Always use eye protection when working in the shop.
Always use hearing protection when the shop gets too noisy.
Always wear a dust mask (or respirator) when the shop gets too dusty.
Always tie back long hair and loose clothing.
Always remove ties, loose belts and jewellery before coming to shop.
Always dress comfortably and appropriately for working in the Shop.
Never wear open toed shoes or sandals in the shop.
Always use proper and safe tools, which are in good working condition.
Always ask permission from an instructor or the shop technician before bringing in to the shop woods that are toxic, are potential sensitizers, or may cause allergic reactions from other shop users.
Never work with pressure Treated Wood in the OCAD wood shop

Accidents:
The following lists factors which contribute to the cause of accidents are often those which affect your Reaction Time, Awareness, Alertness, Reflexes, and Mood:

DRUGS: antihistamines, cold remedies, pain killers, coffee, cigarettes, alcohol, etc.

FOOD: too much, not enough, eating too fast, indigestion, digestion, anticipation, etc.

STRESS: deadlines, fatigue, personal and peer pressure, rushing, waiting, being interrupted, being unsure, anxious, etc.

COMFORT: clothes too hot, clothes not warm enough, clothes too tight, strange odors, bright lights, loud noise, dusty air, rude people, etc.

ACTIVITY: boring, repetitious, mesmerizing, automatic, scary, crucial, exciting, stimulating, horsing around, crazy, etc.

IGNORING WARNINGS: making mistakes, dropping things, mixing words, bumping into things, premonitions of danger, doing it just once more, dropping your guard because you're on the last step, etc.

Warning: ACCIDENTS IN SHOPS OCCUR MOST OFTEN RIGHT AFTER MEALS.

In the event of an Accident: If possible, stay with victim and send someone else for help right away. For help, go to the security desk at the entrance of the building, or call security using the red or white phones in hallways. You might also call 911 using a pay phone or office phone. Stay calm and provide clear information to help providers.

Report all accidents, concerns, or illness to a teacher or technician, to the nurse, or to the Office of Risk Management http://www.ocad.ca/about_ocad/risk_management.htm