



THAMESIDE WOODTURNERS ASSOCIATION

A Branch of the Association of Woodturners of Great Britain

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Health and Safety Policy

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1. It is the policy of the Club to safeguard all those attending so far as reasonably practicable. The Club Chairman has overall responsibility for this policy including the provision of adequate resources for its implementation and review. The policy will be brought to the attention of all club members and visitors. The Club policy is supported by Risk Assessment and Management. The Club Secretary is custodian of the Health and Safety Risk Assessment document. Club Officers addressing hazard and risk management may be supported by suitably experienced Club members.
2. Safety is the responsibility of all those taking part in any Club activities. The Club will rely on the co-operation of all attendees and expect them to be aware of health and safety of both themselves and others.
3. It is the personal responsibility of those present at Club meetings to ensure that they are appropriately dressed for the activity.
4. All new members, guests and visitors will be given a health & safety briefing commensurate with their level of involvement in the Club's activities.
5. All equipment shall be regularly inspected for damage and maintained or quarantined against use if unserviceable.
6. The health and safety implications, use and maintenance of Club equipment on loan to any member shall be that of the member's responsibility.
7. All those operating equipment within the Club's activities will be expected to wear PPE and use the Club's protective screen as noted in the Health and Safety Risk Assessment document. Those requiring PPE (face shields, eyewear, dust masks etc) are expected to supply their own. Footwear shall be adequately robust for the activity. Open toed footwear (e.g. sandals) is considered inappropriate for activities relating to woodturning.
8. Sanding shall be kept to a minimum. Dust extraction is available and shall be used where extended sanding is unavoidable.

9. Members who identify any health or safety hazard or any act or omission that has potential to cause harm to members or third parties shall report it to a Committee member immediately. All safety related incidents (including near misses) shall be recorded and assessed with a view to future prevention.

10. A Club member wishing to participate in Club demonstrations shall be required to demonstrate to the Committee competency and familiarity with the relevant hazards and risks.

11. The Club Events Co-Ordinator shall ensure that visiting demonstrators are able to assure competency and familiarity with the relevant hazards and risks by means of their own risk assessments and shall be assessed against the existing hazards and risks noted in the Health and Safety Risk Assessment document. Any activity not covered shall be subject to a risk assessment prior to the event. Visiting demonstrators shall, preferably be selected from the list of AWGB Remote Demonstrators and shall have Public Liability insurance.

12. A first aid kit and accident book will be on prominent display along with a copy of this document and the Health and Safety Risk Assessment document.

13. The Club shall comply with the policy and procedures relating to the Fold's Fire Risk Assessment and the requirements of the Fire Action notices displayed within the building.