Makerspace



Mandatory Instructions

Observe all safety instructions. Instructions or approval is required for some of the machines. Ask someone for help, consult the wiki or email the mailing lists when in doubt.

Ask for instructions if you are unfamiliar on how to use a tool. This is to protect you and to protect the tool.

This is a shared space. Always try to leave it cleaner than you found it.

This is a shared space – consider others around you before using a machine; and be aware of others working nearby.

Make sure you know where the **emergency stops and fire extinguishers** are.



Wear protective clothing

Wear tight fitting clothing, keep long hair out tied up, no jewellery or anything else that can be caught by a machine.

Consider that others may be working at the space – and you may be in close range of their machines too.



Protective gloves recommended

But also: be careful with gloves – they can be caught in the machine and when made of a sturdy material, help rip your finger off.
Observe the 'no gloves' signs.



Ear protection recommended

And try to be considerate Neighbours—especially after 19:00.



Eye protection recommended

Also consider that hard-metal cutters and ceramics can suddenly shatter.



Wear a mask when needed

Especially when cutting materials such as MDF

If something breaks or is amiss – it is **your** responsibility to report it. If you find something broken – report it before using/repairing the machine.

If the machine is not clean or appears broken - then report this to the mailing list. Clean/fix prior to use.

Large CNC Cutter



Instruction Mandatory

Instruction **prior** to use is **mandatory**. Check the wiki for who can help you.

Be very careful with viruses/media – as we cannot re-install the software on the PC.

Machine can only be used between 07:00 - 19:00 (be kind to our neighbours).



Ear protection strongly recommended

Note also that this machine should not be used after 19:00



Eye protection recommended

Especially when using very small cutters.



Wear a mask when needed

Especially when cutting materials such as MDF



Machine can suddenly start

Machine can suddenly start moving; and can move under its own command (even when the PC is off – rely on the emergency stop buttons.).

It will also start moving without warning – for example when the PC&software are (re)started.



Crushing

Risk of crushing – the machine does not have any sensors that detect obstacles This includes things such as your hands (do not lean on the blue rail) or tools you've left on the workspace.

This machine contains commercial software which is locked to this specific hardware and OS install. Neither of which we can re-install (as we have no media and the suppliers have long gone out of business). So be very very careful with USB sticks and other media. A virus or malware may permanently kill this setup.

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Abene Mill



Instructions & Approval Mandatory

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Do not wear gloves

Especially strong leather ones. They get caught easily and then 'help' ripping body parts off.



Eye protection recommended

Swarf will fly. Cutters can come loose. Broken cutters can fly very far and are razor sharp.



Wear protective clothing

Wear tight fitting clothing, keep long hair out tied up, no jewellery or anything else that can be caught by the machine.



Crushing

Risk of crushing – the machine does not have any sensors that detect obstacles.

Note that it can also run very slow; barely noticeable.



Slippery surface

Floor will get very slippery; especially when using coolant.



Sharp rotating elements

This machine is essentially a cutter without any guard whatsoever.

Only switch XYZ feeds when the machine is not running. Use the hand-wheel to get the gear fully locked in prior to starting the feed. Be sure to tighten all 4 nuts post rotating the head or all 4 nuts when moving the head laterally.

Try to avoid getting coolant or similar on the slide-ways – especially the Y slipway between machine and table. Use a shield or adjust the flow. Machine needs to be cleaned post use. When using coolant – also empty the recess on the left of the table and clean out the t-Slots until dry.

If the machine is not clean or appears broken - then report this to the mailing list. Clean/fix prior to use.

Metal Lathe



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Instruction **prior** to use is **mandatory**. Check the wiki for who can help you. You must also have a '**dangerous equipment waiver**' filed with the foundations trustees and been given **approval or card access** to use the machine.

Be careful when using the auto-feed; especially with cutters near the revolving head.



Do not wear gloves

Especially strong leather ones. They get caught easily and then 'help' ripping body parts off.



Crushing

barely noticeable.

Risk of crushing – the machine does not have any sensors that detect obstacles.

Note that it can also run very slow;



Eye protection recommended

Swarf will fly. Cutters can come loose. Broken cutters can fly very far and are razor sharp.



Slippery surface

Floor may get slippery when using coolant.



Wear protective clothing

Wear tight fitting clothing, keep long hair out tied up, no jewellery or anything else that can be caught by the machine.

Clean after use – especially when you have used coolant or have used metals that can rust easily or cause a galvanic reaction.

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Wood Lathe



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This machine is for WOOD only.



Wear a mask when needed

Especially when cutting materials such as MDF



Wear protective clothing

Wear tight fitting clothing, keep long hair out tied up, no jewellery or anything else that can be caught by the machine.



Eye protection mandatory



Not recommended to wear gloves

If the machine is not clean or appears broken - then report this to the mailing list. Clean/fix prior to use.

Mitre saw



Instruction Mandatory

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Wear protective clothing

Wear tight fitting clothing, keep long hair out tied up, no jewellery or anything else that can be caught by the machine.



Eye protection recommended



Ear protection recommended

Note also that this machine should not be used after 19:00 if it is that noisy



Wear a mask when needed

Especially when cutting materials such as MDF



Sharp rotating elements

So keep your fingers away. Bypassing or using your fingers to hold the guard open is downright stupid.

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Wood Circle-saw Table



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This machine is for WOOD only.

Machine can only be used between 07:00 - 19:00 (be kind to our neighbours).

A second person must be present during operation. This person must have agreed to be your second and needs to know how to stop the machine.

Be sure to attach and power on the dust extractor.



Ear protection strongly recommended

Note also that this machine should not be used after 19:00



Wear protective clothing

Wear tight fitting clothing, keep long hair out tied up, no jewellery or anything else that can be caught by the machine.



Eye protection recommended

Especially when using very small cutters.



Wear a mask when needed

Especially when cutting materials such as MDF



Do not wear gloves

Especially strong leather ones. They get caught easily and then 'help' ripping body parts off.

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Wood Bandsaw



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This machine is for WOOD only.

Be sure to attach and power on the dust extractor.



Ear protection strongly recommended

Note also that this machine should not be used after 19:00



Wear protective clothing

Wear tight fitting clothing, keep long hair out tied up, no jewellery or anything else that can be caught by the machine.



Eye protection recommended



Wear a mask when needed

Especially when cutting materials such as MDF

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Planer



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A second person must be present during operation. This person must have agreed to be your second and needs to know how to stop the machine.



Counterrotating rollers

This machine will 'pull' you in using counter rotating rollers. Which ALSO have a ratchet mechanism.



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Eye protection recommended



Wear a mask when needed

Especially when cutting materials such as MDF



Do not wear gloves

Especially strong leather ones. They get caught easily and then 'help' ripping body parts off.

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Jointer



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This machine is for WOOD only.

Machine can only be used between 07:00 - 19:00 (be kind to our neighbours).

A second person must be present during operation. This person must have agreed to be your second and needs to know how to stop the machine.

Be sure to attach and power on the dust extractor.



Sharp rotating elements

This machine is essentially a cutter without any guard whatsoever.



Ear protection strongly recommended

Note also that this machine should not be used after 19:00



Wear protective clothing

Wear tight fitting clothing, keep long hair out tied up, no jewellery or anything else that can be caught by the machine.



Eye protection recommended



Wear a mask when needed

Especially when cutting materials such as MDF



Do not wear gloves

Especially strong leather ones. They get caught easily and then 'help' ripping body parts off.

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Large CNC Laser cutter



Instruction Mandatory

Instruction **prior** to use is **mandatory**. Check the wiki for who can help you.

Be sure to check that cooling, air assist and fume extraction fan are all on.

Report any use in the log - and pay for it!



Do not extinguish with water

It has a high voltage (kV) power supply. Use the CO_2 extinguisher (on the pilar to your left).



Laser beam

Keep the lid closed at all times. If you bypass the safety interlocks – you are an idiot.

Do not forget to switch on (and off post use) the compressor and fume extraction fan (in the corner near the electric distribution board.

If the machine is not clean or appears broken - then report this to the mailing list. Clean/fix prior to use.

Small CNC Laser cutter



Instruction Mandatory

Instruction **prior** to use is **mandatory**. Check the wiki for who can help you.

Be sure to check that water cooling pump, air pump (behind the machine) and fume extraction fan are all on.



Do not extinguish with water

It has a high voltage (kV) power supply. Use the CO_2 extinguisher (on the pilar to your left).



Laser beam

Keep the lid closed at all times. If you bypass the safety interlocks – you are an idiot.

Do not forget to switch the fume extraction fan (in the corner near the electric distribution board) post use.

If the machine is not clean or appears broken - then report this to the mailing list. Clean/fix prior to use.

Large Grinder



Instruction Mandatory

Instruction **prior** to use is **mandatory**. Check the wiki for who can help you.

Noise wise – be considerate to our neighbours – especially in the evenings.



Wear protective clothing

Wear tight fitting clothing, keep long hair out tied up, no jewellery or anything else that can be caught by the machine.



Eye protection needed



Ear protection recommended

If the machine is not clean or appears broken - then report this to the mailing list. Clean/fix prior to use.

Hydraulic Press



Instruction Mandatory

Instruction **prior** to use is **mandatory**. Check the wiki for who can help you.



If the machine is not clean or appears broken - then report this to the mailing list. Clean/fix prior to use.

Sanding Cabinet



Instruction Mandatory

Instruction **prior** to use is **mandatory**. Check the wiki for who can help you.

Do not spray at your hands/fingers. The gloves **will** ultimately give way and they are not cheap.

Do switch off the compressor after use.

If the machine is not clean or appears broken - then report this to the mailing list. Clean/fix prior to use.

Metal bandsaw



Instruction Mandatory

Instruction **prior** to use is **mandatory**. Check the wiki for who can help you.

Use plenty of cutting oil, WD40 or similar.

Do not leave unattended (not in the least as you may want to keep lubricating it to get a nice cut).



Wear protective clothing

Wear tight fitting clothing, keep long hair out tied up, no jewellery or anything else that can be caught by the machine.



Sharp rotating elements



Eye protection recommended

If the machine is not clean or appears broken - then report this to the mailing list. Clean/fix prior to use.

Vinyl cutter



Instruction Mandatory

Instruction **prior** to use is **mandatory**. Check the wiki for who can help you.



Sharp rotating elements



Machine can suddenly start

Also during power-up.

If the machine is not clean or appears broken - then report this to the mailing list. Clean/fix prior to use.

PCB Reflow Oven



Instruction Mandatory

Instruction **prior** to use is **mandatory**. Check the wiki for who can help you.

If the machine is not clean or appears broken - then report this to the mailing list. Clean/fix prior to use.

T-Shirt hotplate



Instruction Mandatory

Instruction **prior** to use is **mandatory**. Check the wiki for who can help you.



Hot surfaces

The hotplate will become hot (obviously).

If the machine is not clean or appears broken - then report this to the mailing list. Clean/fix prior to use.

Welding equipment



Instruction Mandatory

Instruction **prior** to use is **mandatory**. Check the wiki for who can help you.

Gas cylinders must be kept mounted in their stand with a **safety strap** at all times.

There should never be more than a total 125L of 'water equivalent' volume, aggregated across all bottles (full or empty) at the space.

Report any use in the log - and pay for it!



Wear a welding



Wear protective gloves



Pressurised Cylinders



Use protective apron

Do not forget to close the valves on the gas bottles post use.

If you have empty bottles; be sure to get them refilled or remove them from the space.

There should **never be more than a 125 litres** of 'water equivalent' volume present at the space (aggregated across all cylinders, empty or full, pressured or unpressured).

This is because the space does not have the required permits for crossing the 125L limit.

If the machine is not clean or appears broken - then report this to the mailing list. Clean/fix prior to use.

Ultimaker



Instruction Mandatory

Instruction **prior** to use is **mandatory**. Check the wiki for who can help you.

Do not walk away from the machine until the first 10 layers or so have been deposited.

Do not leave unattended for long periods.



Automatic start-up

Machine may suddenly start moving. Also during power up.



Hot surfaces

The bed and the head will become (very) hot.

Keep the filament in a sealed container. Exposure to air (humidity) makes it brittle.

If the machine is not clean or appears broken - then report this to the mailing list. Clean/fix prior to use.

Drill press



Mandatory Instructions

Make sure you clamp your workpiece well - to avoid spinning.

Let the drill do its work - do not apply much pressure (drill gets dull or will snaps).

Use the correct drill speed (higher for aluminium, low for steel, very low for stainless steel (RVS). Use the table on the wall.

Use drilling oil when needed (when in doubt - always use the green oil).



Eye protection recommended

Sharp bits will fly, drills snap.



Wear protective clothing

Wear tight fitting clothing, keep long hair out tied up, no jewellery or anything else that can be caught by the machine.



Wear protective gloves



Wearing gloves not always good

Wearing gloves can be a mixed blessing - if they are caught in something rotating they may pull your hand towards the machine.

Noise wise – be considerate to our neighbours – especially in the evenings.

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