

Drill Press

1. Select only drills that are sharp, in good condition and suitable for the job.
2. Remove the chuck key from the drill before starting the machine. Ensure that you are using a chuck key that has a spring safety device in the head.
3. When using large drill bits, before starting the machine, clamp work securely to the machine table. Attempting to hold the work under the drill with one hand can result in serious and painful injuries.
4. Do not force the drill bit into the wood. Pushing too hard or quickly, can cause drills to break or splinter with the chance of serious injuries.
5. If wood slips from your hand or clamp, never attempt to grab it with your hands. Turn off the drill and wait for it to stop spinning.
6. Never reach between the drill bit and the round drill press column. Your hand could get caught and your arm broken.
7. When drilling round stock (dowel), use a V-block to hold the stock.
8. Always ensure that the machine has been switched off and came to a complete stop before you attempt to change drill bit or the speed belt.
9. If the drill sticks in the work, stop the motor and rotate the drill by hand to free it from the work.
10. Always clear away chips and curls with a brush, not your hands.

AT ALL TIMES - IF IN DOUBT, STOP! ASK YOUR INSTRUCTOR