



## Woodworkers Guild of Georgia, Inc. Personal Safety Guidance

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The safety of members and visitors in personal woodworking shops and at the Woodworkers Guild of Georgia (WWG) events is of utmost importance. The potential for injury exists when using sharp hand tools, power tools, or when exposed to loud noises and toxic chemicals. For these reasons, the WWG encourages using the following personal protection equipment (PPE) in applicable situations:

- Safety glasses or goggles
- Hearing protection
- Dust masks
- Breathing filters

Additionally, the WWG advises woodworkers to take the following precautions in their own shops:

- Install dust collection and room air filtration systems to minimize airborne sawdust
- Use aerosols or direct application of toxic finishes/chemicals outdoors or with adequate in-shop ventilation
- Maintain proper service and adjustments on tools to minimize potential malfunctions, including proper lubrication, belt tightness, and use of tool guards
- Be cautious about wearing gloves, sleeves below the elbow, or other loose-fitting clothing that can become entangled in operating machinery

For WWG events, observers of woodworking activities should be advised of the planned activity so they can make their own decision about participation and be offered PPE for their use. Additionally, presenters should be advised of safety considerations that may be applicable to woodworking demonstrations. Examples of observer and presenter briefings are attached.

This document provides general guidance. Additional safety measures deemed appropriate to address the unique aspects of a situation or demonstration should be considered. Further if anyone would like to suggest additional guidance measures, please inform the Guild.



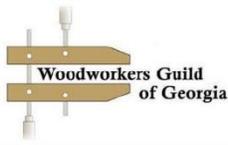
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### Safety Briefing for Observers

We are about to conduct an activity that has the following safety implications (describe the activity and identify the applicable adverse conditions, for example):

- Possible projectiles
- Loud noise
- Dust
- Toxic chemicals

If you are sitting/standing in a location where you may be subject to injury, please consider moving to a safer location. In addition, personal protection equipment, such as safety glasses, ear plugs, and dust masks are available at your request. Please let us know if you desire any of these things. Also, let us know if you have any special physical challenges or concerns so we can assist in making any appropriate adjustments.



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### Safety Briefing for Presenters - Please Read

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In addition, presenters should ensure that any equipment to be used is in good working order and be aware that gloves, sleeves below the elbow, or other loose-fitting clothing can become entangled in operating machinery. Consideration should be given to the safety of observers, including distance from any demonstrations, physical barriers, and use of personal protection equipment.

Please inform a WWG member of any assistance needed to implement safety measures.