

My Comments and Suggestions Regarding Woodshop Club Proposed Documents

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Safety Procedures from Richard.pdf

General observation: Remove all references to “student,” “shop monitor,” and “shop coordinator.”

GENERAL SAFETY

1. Item 1: Reword. I don't agree with wearing safety glasses at all times in the woodshop. We're adults. Let's just wear safety glasses when we're working on something that requires them or are near someone who is working on something that might pose a danger to us.
2. Item 4: Delete. We will often be working alone in the shop.
3. Item 5: Delete. Removal of a safety guard should be at the discretion of the individual. We don't have a blade guard or splitter/riving knife on the table saw. Even if we did, they would sometimes have to be removed because of the cuts that were being made.
4. Item 6: Delete.
5. Item 8: Delete. It's probably better to ignore this subject than to get into the nuances of what to report to whoever or whether to make a simply fix on your own.
6. Item 10: Delete. This shouldn't apply to us.
7. Item 11: Delete.
8. Item 13: Delete. We might bring, say, metal items into the shop for use on the drill press or bench grinder.
9. Item 14: Delete. We will often be working alone in the shop.
10. Item 16: Delete. I've had accidents in the shop but didn't feel the need to report them to anyone. Security might be called, or 911, if assistance is needed; otherwise, there should be no requirement to contact anyone.
11. Item 17: Delete. This probably won't apply to us.
12. Three paragraphs following Item 17: Delete.

MITER SAWS

1. This is all good.

TABLE SAW

1. Item 3: Delete.
2. Item 4: Delete.
3. Item 6: Reword the first sentence. “Stand to the side of the plane of the blade away from the rip fence.” Keep the second sentence.
4. Item 7: Delete. There are times when you need to make a cut only part way through the workpiece.
5. Item 11: Delete. There is often a need to use scrap material.

DRILL PRESS

1. Item 6: Delete. There is sometimes a need to drill a hole at an angle or to drill into dowels.

BELT AND SPINDLE SANDER

1. We don't have a Belt and Spindle Sander. Change title to "Belt and Disk Sander".
2. Add a sentence: "When using the Disk Sander, never attempt to adjust the angle of the table rest with the machine running."
3. Add a sentence: "When using the Disk Sander, always hold the workpiece firmly on the table rest and against the down-cutting side of the disk, never on the other side."

PANEL SAW

1. Delete the entire section. We don't have a panel saw.

BAND SAW

1. This is all good.

BRAD NAILER AND THE NARROW CROWN STAPLER

1. I don't know if the shop has these tools.

HAND TOOLS

1. Item 1: Delete. I'm completely comfortable using, say, a chisel, screwdriver, or hammer without safety glasses.
2. Item 6: Delete.
3. Item 7: Delete. This item is completely inane.

4" ANGLE GRINDER

1. I don't know if the shop has this tool.

DIE GRINDER

1. I don't know if the shop has this tool.

JOINTER

1. Item 1: Reword. "This is one of the most dangerous tools in the shop. Before attempting to use it, be sure you are familiar with it or have been briefed by someone who is."

THICKNESS PLANER

1. Item 1: Delete.
2. Item 7: Reword. "Orient the planer away from tools and tables so that the dust and debris fall onto an area that is easy to clean."

LATHE

1. No comment. I am not familiar with the lathe.

CIRCULAR SAW

1. I don't know if we have this tool in the shop.
2. Item 2: Delete. We don't have a panel saw.

Friendly Valley Woodshop Release of Liability Rev2.pdf

Opening paragraph: Among the people and entities who are not to be held liable, include "individual residents".

A statement such as this should be added: "I have read, understand, and agree to comply with the Woodshop Safety Procedures." The term "Woodshop Safety Procedures" should be modified to agree with whatever title we give to those safety requirements.

FVCC Reservation and Release.tif

No comment. This appears to be satisfactory until the shop is fully reopened.

Woodshop Group Constitution.pdf

Article 1, 1-1: My preference is to combine "Wood Shop" into one word: "Woodshop". Make this a global edit if the change is agreeable.

Article 3, 3-3, 1: The wording "chargeable basis" is a problem. We don't exist to make money and might not legally qualify for simple reimbursement. We might encounter complicated legal issues, as well as "existence" issues under the FVCA, if money were to change hands.

Article 6, 6-4: Replace the wording "been assigned" with "have agreed".

Article 12, 12-1: How are we going to indemnify anyone or anything? We have no resources.