Hazard Review

- Flying objects
- Eye injury
- Cuts, scrapes, abrasions

Related Safe Work Practices

- Power Tools
- Electrical Safety, General
- Hand Tools

Required Personal Protective Equipment

- Safety Glasses and Face Shield
- Leather Gloves (on metal lathe only)
- Apron or Shop Coat
- Dust mask (optional)

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BEFORE

- 1. Read and understand operating instructions.
- Remove or tie-back any items from your person that may become caught in the rotating drill or spindle, such as: neckties, finger rings, loose clothing, long hair.
- 3. Don the personal protective equipment as noted above to prevent personal injury.
- 4. Inspect the lathe to ensure it is operational. Ensure that all machine guards are in place, and that the lathe is properly lubricated (check oil reservoir).

DURING

- 1. Turn the chuck or faceplate by hand to ensure there is no danger of the work striking any part of the lathe.
- 2. Ensure that the cutting tool is sharp and in good condition (see *Hand Tools*).
- 3. Keep all safety guards in place.

- 4. Clamp the work solidly. DO NOT hold it in place with your hands. Get help if you must use heavy chucks or attachments.
- 5. Stop the lathe before making adjustments or taking measurements.
- 6. DO NOT use your hands to clean shavings/chips from the work surface. Stop the machine and use a tool, such as a pair of pliers to remove them.
- 7. Do not permit small-diameter work to project far from the chuck without supports from the tailstock center.
- 8. Move the cutting tool clear of the work if you reposition or remove the work from the chuck.
- 9. Never attempt to run the chuck on or off the spindle using power, or to stop the lathe by reversing its rotational direction.
- 10. Be aware of the direction and speed of the carriage or cross-feed before engaging the automatic feed.
- 11. Remove all burrs and sharp edges from the workpiece before removing it from the lathe.
- 12. The following practices are **prohibited**:
 - Leaving the key in the chuck
 - Using a file without a handle
 - Running the cutting tool into the chuck

AFTER

1. Use a cleaning brush (not a dust brush) to remove all chips/shavings. DO NOT use the airhose. Use pliers to remove the stringy chips.

Remove the cutting tool and other adjunct tools and return them to their proper storage area.