



Risk Assessment - Workshop - Use of a Lathe

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Use of a lathe in a workshop environment

Type	Hazard Cause	Persons Affected	Control Measures	L Overall	S Medium - Risk to be minimised and controlled so far as is reasonably practical.	T	Additional Control Measures	L Overall	S	T	Owner/Action
Health and Safety	Personal Injury Multiple causes included contact with moving parts, sharps objects, entanglement, electrical shock etc.	Volunteers & Staff	<p>1) CRITICAL - Elimination: No loose clothes, jewellery, overly long sleeves, ties or gloves to be worn. - Effective</p> <p>2) CRITICAL - Elimination: Hands will be kept clear of rotating parts such as the chuck, workpiece and lead screws. - Effective</p> <p>3) CRITICAL - Engineering: An 'Emergency Stop' or other stop switch should be fitted within the reach of the user. - Effective</p> <p>4) CRITICAL - Engineering: Machine guards should be fitted, clean, functional and used at all times. Consider guards for the chuck, spindle mandrel, feed shafts and lead screws if not protected by the design of the machine. - Effective</p> <p>5) CRITICAL - Engineering: Any fitted safety devices such as 'Impact Wands', safety wires, foot switches or overloads should be fitted and functional. - Effective</p> <p>6) CRITICAL - Engineering: The machine should be securely fixed to the floor or other stable and unmovable surface. Those machines that are mounted on wheels should be securely fixed whilst in use to stop them from moving. - Effective</p> <p>7) CRITICAL - Engineering: The machine must be switched off and power isolated and locked out where possible before any maintenance activity takes place. - Effective</p> <p>8) CRITICAL - Engineering: Cutting fluids will be used as appropriate and maintained to remain in a suitable condition for use. - Effective</p> <p>9) CRITICAL - Engineering: The work piece shall be mounted to a faceplate, chuck or between centres, properly secured and balanced to prevent excessive vibration. - Effective</p> <p>10) CRITICAL - Engineering: The rotational clearance must be checked by rotating the work piece by hand before starting the machine. - Effective</p> <p>11) CRITICAL - Engineering: The cutting tool must be carefully checked for security before starting the machine. - Effective</p> <p>12) CRITICAL - Engineering: Chuck keys and any other tools are to be removed before starting the machine. - Effective</p> <p>13) CRITICAL - Engineering: The machine must be stopped before the work piece is removed from the machine. - Effective</p> <p>14) CRITICAL - Engineering: Files and abrasive cloths must not be used whilst the machine is in operation. - Effective</p> <p>15) CRITICAL - Engineering: The machine must always be stopped before taking any measurements. - Effective</p> <p>16) CRITICAL - Engineering: Coolant nozzles must not be adjusted when the machine is in operation. - Effective</p> <p>17) CRITICAL - Administrative: Only competent and authorised staff should use the equipment. - Effective</p> <p>18) CRITICAL - Administrative: The equipment should be mechanically and electrically maintained regularly and accurate records of maintenance activity should be kept. All safety features should be tested. - Effective</p> <p>19) CRITICAL - Administrative: A hair net or cap shall be worn for staff with long hair. - Effective</p> <p>20) CRITICAL - Administrative: The machine must never be left unsupervised if energised. - Effective</p>	2 x 4 = 8	Medium - Risk to be minimised and controlled so far as is reasonably practical.	8	<p>1) Engineering: Consider the use of interlocked guards - Effective</p> <p>2) Engineering: Lifting aids are to be used for positioning heavy work pieces in the machine or for changing heavy chucks or faceplates.. - Effective</p> <p>3) Administrative: Be aware of the potential for swarf to be sharp and consider using gloves and a suitable implement when cleaning swarf from the machine. - Effective</p> <p>4) Administrative: Make sure that there is plenty of space around the machine so that persons passing do not bump into the machine operator. - Effective</p> <p>5) Administrative: If the workpiece extends beyond the rear of the headstock it must be guarded and supported as appropriate. - Effective</p>	2 x 4 = 8	n/a	Medium - Risk to be minimised and controlled so far as is reasonably practical.	

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			21) CRITICAL - Administrative: Swarf must not be allowed to accumulate or become entangled with the work piece. The machine is to be cleaned before and after working. - Effective 22) CRITICAL - Administrative: The standing area for the operator must be clean, free from debris and not slippery. - Effective 23) CRITICAL - Administrative: Be aware of potential of swarf to be ejected from the machine. - Effective 24) CRITICAL - Administrative: Only the user and any trainees are to be near to the machine when it is in operation. - Effective 25) CRITICAL - Administrative: Loose tooling and other equipment or rags etc. must not be kept on the machine or allowed to obstruct the work area. - Effective 26) CRITICAL - PPE: Eye protection, overalls or dust coat and steel toe-capped footwear to be worn. - Effective								

Score and Control Measure Notes.

Risk is medium due to potential injury.

All control measures must be followed.

The risk remains medium.

COSHH Assessments

The following COSHH assessments are applicable to this risk assessment:

- COSHH-44517-36 - Astro - Sol A
Ends



Appendix



Reference: UI-45490-790
Lathe e.g. - Lathe example



Reference: UI-45490-688
Lathe e.g. - lathe 2



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Reference: UI-45490-996
Lathe e.g. - lathe 3