



# Chicago Woodturners

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## **FEBRUARY CWT SAFETY PRESENTATION ARE YOU WEARING THE RIGHT FACESHIELD?**

“ A well dressed woodturner wears a full faceshield, over his safety glasses”  
Select a face shield with polycarbonate lenses with a Z87 + rating.

Confusion with lens rating is understandable, you can choose from:

Z87 basic impact rating.

Z87 + high impact rating

Z87.1 high impact rating, which eliminates minimum lens thickness, and in the US are sold with self-certification.

In Addition, some faceshields are sold sporting a Z87 + rating but have a lens half the required thickness surrounded by a non-polycarbonate frame.

As a woodturner you require all the impact protection you can get, and the space to use a dust mask and safety glasses

A good faceshield provides some protection; however consider it as last line or defense.

A catastrophic explosion of a large turning could still overwhelm a face shield!  
IT is wise to practice the basic STAY OUT OF THE LINE OF FIRE, also known as THE RED ZONE, as much as practical.

Always check lathe speed before starting, tighten chucks and face plates and use tail stock whenever possible.



Power respirators are the subject of our next session.

Frank Pagura, safety officer.

