



# Chicago Woodturners

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## OCTOBER 10 MINUTES SAFETY PRESENTATION

### ATTITUDE CHECKLIST

#### 1. STAY ALERT.

Understand the danger zone.

Pay attention to sounds or vibrations; stop the lathe to investigate the cause.

And yes, it is dumb to operate machines when you are tired or under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

#### 2. WORKSHOP.

Plug your lathe into a grounded outlet, no extension cords.

Don't set up in wet locations. Keep your work area well lit.

Mount a fire extinguisher beside the exit door.

#### 3. LATHE.

Keep your lathe in good repair and develop the habit of scanning it for damaged parts, misalignment, or binding parts.

Listen for unusual sounds.

If you detect something amiss, deal with it immediately, before continuing your project.

#### 4. STANCE.

Stand like a soldier, easy but firm with your feet comfortably apart, shift your feet to maintain solid footing and keep your balance.

Your stance powers all turning cuts.

If you use an anti-fatigue mat, make it big so you can't trip on its edges.

#### 5. TOOLS.

Learn what to use for each task, keep tools sharp and clean.

Forcing a dull tool invites a mishap, so pause often and touch up the cutting edge.

#### 6. KNOW YOURSELF.

Know your capabilities and limitations.

An experienced wood turner can handle lathe speeds, techniques and procedures that are not so smart for beginners to attempt.

Source: AAW Checklist for Woodturning Safely by John Kelsey.  
Safety Officer Frank Pagura.