Electric Wood Planer - Safety Guide – Read Before Operating Equipment

WARNING - Some Hire Equipment can cause Death or Serious Injury if used or operated incorrectly.
Read and understand these instructions carefully before using this equipment. Know the controls and how to stop the unit quickly in an emergency. Use common sense and lots of it. Your safety and those around you is your responsibility.

WARNING – Your own Risk Assessment should be carried out before commencing any work. Five steps to basic risk assessment.
1 Identify the hazards 2 Decide who might be harmed and how 3 Evaluate the risks and decide on precaution 4 Record your findings and implement them 5 Review your assessment and update if necessary.

For more information or Risk Assessments on specific equipment visit our web site www.allequipmenthire.com.au

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Always wear correct and appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for the job at hand such as but not limited to:
- Safety glasses or goggles. - Ear muffs or ear plugs - Dust mask or respirator - Protective gloves - Close fitting protective clothing - Hard hat / hairnet - Protective or safety boots and footwear - Weld mask - Harnesses.
- Be alert and cautious when wearing hearing protection as your ability to hear warnings (shouts, alarms etc.) is restricted.
- You must do your own risk assessment with regard to the correct PPE to wear.

General Safety Guide

- Do your own risk assessment for all jobs to be undertaken.
- Seek advice from your Doctor if you suspect you have any medical condition that may be affected by manual work or the operation of equipment.
- Do not use machinery if you feel tired or under the influence of alcohol, drugs or medication. Do take regular rest breaks.
- Do not operate equipment that you are not licensed, unfamiliar with or are not competent to operate. Never let untrained people use the equipment.
- Ensure you know how to operate it safely, and be able to shut it down correctly in an emergency or if you experience unexpected movement.
- Check controls for proper response. Shut down the machine if a fault is detected. Do not try to repair faulty equipment.
- Check the condition of the machine at the start and end of each day or shift and report any damage or defects. Do not operate if faulty.
- Operate in clear open spaces were possible and if not possible be conscious of your surroundings and consider having an observer stand by.
- You should never operate high risk equipment without someone observing you at all times.
- Be mindful that using some equipment may change the structural strength of your surroundings. (e.g. demolition, excavation, trenches, wall removal)
- Ensure clear access and egress to where you are working. Always keep the work area well lit and hazard free. A tidy work area is a safe area.
- Always have secure footing and balance and firm two handed grip. Never work on damp, wet or slippery surfaces. Use harnesses where applicable.
- Always run and operate machines and equipment on flat, level and solid ground.
- Do not overreach. Hand tools should not be used above shoulder height. Keep all controls, handles and levers clean, dry and free from oil & fuel etc.
- Prolonged use of hand operated equipment exposes the user to vibrations. Stop using the tool if they feel numbness or inability to feel temperatures.
- Always keep guards in place and in working order. Do not continue to use faulty or damaged equipment. Keep hands away from moving parts.
- Do not wear loose clothing, gloves, neckties, rings, bracelets or other jewellery which may get caught in the moving parts. Use hair nets.
- Select the correct equipment for the job you are undertaking. Always use the right tools. Keep hands and fingers away from pinch areas.
- Never permit children, other people or animals to loiter near the work area.
- Do not fool around while operating equipment: always keep the machine under control. Never leave a machine running unattended.
- Never force a tool, blade or attachment to do a job for which it was not designed. When using attachments, ensure they are fitted correctly and practice the operation before beginning work. Isolate power source before changing accessories, attachments, blades, drill bits or parts.
- Do not rush or take risks when operating equipment. Never force a machine, let the machine do the job.
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- Disconnect spark plug lead on petrol driven equipment before changing blades or attempting any servicing.
- Dial before you dig. Always check the location of electricity, gas, telephone, water and other services before cutting, excavating or demolition work.
- Do not wipe plastic parts with solvents, such as petrol, thinner, alcohol or ammonia, as they could melt or crack, rendering the machine unsafe.

Safety Guide for this Equipment

- Always push the planer away from the operator, in a single, smooth motion.
- Prolonged use of this machine exposes the user to vibrations. Users should stop using this machine if they feel numbness or inability to feel temperatures.
- Hold the planer firmly with both hands and maintain a secure grip.
- Always maintain a firm foothold. Do not use on a ladder or any other insecure support.
- Do not cut above shoulder height.
- Never operate machine for long periods. Over heating of machine can result if used for long periods. Have regular breaks, the machine will thank you for it.
- Always secure the work piece to a workbench using clamps or vice. This frees both hands to operate the tool.
- This planer is designed to plane timber and should not be used to cut any other product.
- Oil, grease or chemicals in wood can spontaneous combust or cause an explosion.
- Never empty sawdust into an open fire, incinerator or furnace. Wood dust is explosive under such conditions.
- Take care to keep the power cord away blade.

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