

RCI Safety Series Passport — Wood Chisels

Student Name: _____

Certification Date: _____, 20____

What are some safety tips to know when using a wood chisel?

Wood Chisels can be dangerous if not used properly.

- ✓ Operate only with Mr. Ferguson's permission and after you have received proper instruction.
- ✓ Wood chisels are made in various shapes and sizes and for many uses. Use the correct chisel for the job.

DO

- ✓ Wear safety glasses or a face shield.
- ✓ Use the right size of chisel for the job.
- ✓ Choose smooth, rectangular handles that have no sharp edges and are attached firmly to the chisel.
- ✓ Ensure that the cutting edge is sharp. Dull chisels can be difficult to control and require more effort to do the job.
- ✓ Check stock thoroughly for knots, staples, nails, screws or other foreign objects before chiseling.
- ✓ Clamp stock so it cannot move.
- ✓ Adjust your stance so that you do not lose your balance if the tool slips.
- ✓ Chip or cut away from yourself.
- ✓ Keep your hands and body behind the cutting edge.
- ✓ Use a wooden or plastic mallet with a large striking face on all chisels. Only heavy-duty or framing chisels are made of a solid or molded handle that can be struck with a steel hammer.
- ✓ Make finishing or paring cuts with hand pressure alone.
- ✓ Place chisels safely within the plastic protective caps to cover cutting edges when not in use.
- ✓ Replace any chisel that is bent or shows dents, cracks, chips, or excessive wear.
- ✓ Store chisels in a "storage roll," a cloth or plastic bag with slots for each chisel, and keep them in a drawer or tray.
- ✓ Replace broken or splintered handles.
- ✓ Sharpen cutting edges as often as necessary.



DON'T

- ✓ Do not use a wood chisel as a pry or a wedge.
- ✓ Do not use a wood chisel on metal.
- ✓ Do not use an all-steel chisel with a mushroomed face or a chipped edge. Redress with a file or whetstone.
- ✓ Do not use a grinder to redress heat-treated tools. Use a whetstone.
- ✓ Do not use a dull chisel.



Ensure that you follow all shop safety rules

➡ Safety First ⬅