Duty of Care

“Members have a duty of care for themselves, for members and for the club”.

GUIDANCE FOR GENERAL MACHINE USE AND SAFETY

1. The correct use and care of machines and equipment is the responsibility of the user.
2. Personal protective equipment shall be used, wear closed shoes and no loose items.
3. At no time should a member attend under the influence.
4. Do not wear gloves or use a rag when operating rotating equipment.
5. Know what precautions should be taken when working with new materials – ask for guidance.
6. Always check to see if a machine is clear of other objects before use.
7. Report to a committee member or an instructor if you observe unsafe incidents.
8. When the bell is rung at any time, stop your activity and listen to the announcement.
9. Note the placement of fire extinguishers and the fire blanket positions.
10. Help keep your section tidy, clean and free of hazard.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS WHEN USING EQUIPMENT IN THE LAPIDARY SECTION

- Wear a mask whilst using the grit on the flat laps.
- Wear safety glasses and earmuffs or earplugs.
- Keep the floor around machines clean and dry.
- Maintain your concentration, avoid carelessness and take breaks.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS WHEN USING EQUIPMENT IN THE METAL WORKING SECTION

- Wear safety glasses, especially when polishing or drilling.
- Wear a mask when soldering, polishing or buffing.
- Wear ear protection.
- Never attempt to polish chains on polishing equipment as severe injury can result.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS WHEN USING EQUIPMENT IN THE FACETING SECTION

- Wear suitable eye protection.
- Keep your workspace clean and free of dust.
- Assist your fellow facetors to keep the section tidy and free of hazards.
- Use the handrails going up or down the stairs and keep the stairwell free of obstacles.

THINK SAFE – WORK SAFE – BE SAFE