

Drill Press Safety

1. Dress properly. Do not wear gloves, neckties, loose clothing, jewelry, or long hair.
2. Always use safety glasses.
3. Use proper, sharp, clean bits for the job and material.
4. Be sure that the bits can be used on the drill press and the speed they should run.
5. Make sure the drill is tight and remove the chuck key immediately. Never leave the chuck key in the drill chuck.
6. Jog the motor switch to check for wobble in the bit.
7. Always peck drill to prevent long chips from building up on the drill.
8. Always support your work piece with backup material.
9. Always use the right speed for the diameter of drill and material being drilled. The drill press must be running to change speeds.
10. Never use a rag to brush chips off while the machine is running.
11. If the drill binds in the hole, stop the machine and turn the spindle backwards by hand to release the bit.
12. Let the drill press stop on its own after turning it off. Never stop the chuck with your hands.
13. Always center drill/punch before drilling any hole.
13. Whenever possible use column to brace material or fasten material to table or in vice.
14. Clean all drills with a rag and put them in the right place when finished. Always clean the drill press when finished, never clean machine while it is running.