

## **Machine safety**

### **Background**

Most injuries in the wood processing and furniture industry happen while woodworking machines like spindle moulders, bandsaws and jointers are being used. Serious, life-changing cutting injuries are possible.

### **Stop and think!**

Reduce the risk of accidents by following the safety rules at all times.

### **Machine installation**

Before setting up the machine and starting work, you must prepare the workplace. Follow this checklist.

- The area around the machine must be clean and tidy.
- Adequate lighting must be provided so you can clearly see the machine and the surroundings.
- The floor underneath the machine must be level and stable, and the machine must be securely fixed so it cannot move while it is being used.
- The machine can be installed on machine mounts which keep it level and stable on the floor. The machine mounts reduce the noise and vibrations transmitted to the floor and the room.
- The machine must be equipped with an extractor which effectively and immediately removes dust and debris from the woodworking process.

### **CE marking**

Machines manufactured after 1 January 1995 must have the CE marking. The CE marking means that the manufacturer is responsible for ensuring that the machine meets EU health and safety requirements.

To use the CE marking, the manufacturer must have assessed the injury risks associated with the machine and provided the necessary protection.

### **Stop and think!**

The CE marking does not mean that the machine is not dangerous. There is always an element of risk when using any machine. Read the machine instructions to find out how to work safely.

### **User instructions in Swedish**

It is not always possible to design out all risks associated with a machine. Each machine must have instructions in Swedish setting out how to use the machine in a way that minimises the remaining risks. Maintenance and service instructions must also be kept nearby, as well as the manufacturer's declaration that the machine meets the safety requirements (declaration of conformity).

### **Learn more**

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