

### What?



- Woodworking is the activity or skill of making items from wood.
- Open Country use wood to make bird and bat boxes, hedgehog houses and bug hotels, and also for projects such as making raised beds and fixing or installing fencing.

### Why?

- Working with wood may require the use of hand held tools or machinery, all of which have the potential to cause an injury if not used correctly.
- It is important to create a safe working environment with plenty of ventilation if indoors, and use appropriate work benches to avoid a bad posture.



### Do ✓

- ✓ Check you are signed off to use machinery
- ✓ Keep the work area tidy and clean
- ✓ If using a drill, follow the guidelines
- ✓ Be aware of sharp ends to nails and screws
- ✓ Wear gloves to prevent splinters
- ✓ Use appropriate lifting and handling techniques
- ✓ Ensure anyone using a swinging tool is not wearing a glove on their tool hand
- ✓ Be aware of the length of timber planks when moving them around to avoid hitting anybody
- ✓ Clean up thoroughly afterwards

### Don't ✗

- ✗ Don't breathe deeply when using a carpentry saw or creating sawdust; if in doubt wear a dust mask or work outside
- ✗ Don't forget to take regular breaks
- ✗ Don't use a drill close to people; allow space to minimise noise
- ✗ Don't forget to look after your eyes – wear safety goggles if there is excessive dust
- ✗ Don't use blunt blades and bits



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