WOOD DUST CAUTION

Sawing, sanding or machining wood products can produce wood dust, which can cause a flammable or explosive hazard. In addition, wood dust may cause lung, upper respiratory tract, eye and skin irritation.

Some wood species may cause dermatitis and/or respiratory allergic effects. In 2009, the State of California added wood dust to proposition 65's list of chemicals known to cause cancer and required the following warning to be posted:

WARNING: Drilling, sawing, sanding or machining wood products generates wood dust, a substance known to the State of California to cause cancer. Avoid inhaling wood dust or use a respirator or other safeguards for personal protection.

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