

### What are the hazards and how might they harm?



Bruising, cuts and abrasion as a result of being drawn into equipment



Impact injuries as a result of bags being blown off



Fire as a result of incorrect use

### What PPE should the individual wear?



## Dust collectors

Safety Task Card  
**STCGE 40**

Unit Managers – use page overleaf to list any hazards and control measures specific to your site which are not listed below

### Safe System of Work

1. Only use the equipment if you have been trained to do so and always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
2. Keep the working area clean and tidy.
3. Only operate equipment in well-lit areas.
4. Check that all guards and covers are in place and that you are familiar with the emergency stop switch.
5. Ensure the switch is on the off position before connecting to the power supply.
6. Do not operate equipment without guards or when the inlet hose is removed.
7. Do not wear loose clothing and keep lanyards etc away from the inlet so they cannot become drawn into equipment.
8. Ensure the collection bag and filter bags are attached tightly to prevent them from 'blowing off' during operation.
9. Always switch the dust collector on before turning on equipment that creates wood dust.
10. Do not use for anything other than collecting wood dust. Liquids, plastic, metals and other items can cause sparks when they come into contact with parts of the collection system.
11. Do not place hands, tools or any other items near the inlet opening while the equipment is running or connected to power.
12. Wait until the hose has cleared before turning equipment off.
13. Do not leave equipment unattended when it is operating.
14. Always wear a respirator and safety goggles when removing the collection bag.

**If you have any concerns, stop and speak with your line manager before proceeding.**

