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Accident Prevention in the home shop

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In my own shop I almost always saw accidents before they happened. I finally learned to respond to those "visions" and avoid the upcoming accident. Trust your instincts, not your desire to push the job through despite all your inner warnings. On this show, Scott Hood from the Ontario Industrial Accident Prevention Association was our guest. Here is his list for working safe. 12 Questions for Safe Working: 1- Do you know exactly what you're going to do, and do you feel like doing it? 2- Is your work area clean? 3- What are you wearing? 4- Is that the right blade or cutter for the job? 5- Are all the guards in place? 6- Is power able to be controlled? 7- Are the power supply cords in good condition? 8- Are your power tools properly grounded? 9- Are you using the proper safety equipment? 10- Where are the chuck keys and wrenches? 11- Check for loose knots or nails before you cut? 12- Is your push stick close by?

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