

BE SAFE - Safety Tip of the Month (Gary Guenther)

Ontario man killed at wood lathe

On July 16, 2009, a little over two weeks ago as you read this, a Hamilton, Ontario man was pronounced dead at his home after being fatally injured by a piece of wood. According to the police report, the man was operating a lathe when a piece of wood broke off and gave him a fatal blow to the head. [www.flamboroughreview.com/news/article/267516]

I could say a lot of things about wearing a full face shield, staying out of the line of fire, making sure the material you are turning is sound, and more, but I'll let you figure these things out for yourself.

The bottom line is all those safety rules are there for a reason. Review them and mind them. Whether the lathe is your regular job or an occasional hobby, the lathe is a dangerous tool. Don't ever forget it. Deal with it accordingly.