

SAFE OPERATING PROCEDURE

Do not use this equipment unless you have been properly trained and instructed in its safe use and have been given prior permission.



**CLOSED IN
PROTECTIVE FOOTWEAR
MUST BE WORN**



**PROTECTIVE CLOTHING
MUST BE WORN/
NO LOOSE CLOTHING**

PRE-OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS:

1. Ensure the worktable is clean and clear of fabric offcuts and tools.
2. Ensure the workspace is clear of trip and slip hazards.
3. Ensure the matt, ruler and cutter are in good safe working order.
4. Check all safety features before commencing any cutting operation.
5. Ensure the cutting mat is safely positioned on the work bench at an appropriate height.
6. Ensure the blade is in good working order.
7. Never use a metal or timber ruler when making a cut with a wheel cutter, these rulers can damage the blade of the cutter. Use a specifically designed plastic ruler.

OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS:

1. Ensure that the fabric rests flat on the cutting mat.
2. Operate the wheel cutter cautiously, keep fingers and hands well clear of the path of the blade.

HOUSE KEEPING

1. Once work is complete, ensure the safety features are locked into place.
2. Store safely in the appropriate storage location.
3. Do not wear loose clothing, especially long sleeves.
4. Never leave the wheel cutter unattended without the safety features in place.

POTENTIAL HAZARDS

- Dropping the wheel cutter onto feet: ensure you are wearing the appropriate protective footwear.
- Back injuries due to poorly placed equipment and bad working posture.
- Hand injuries.

