NORTHERN COUNTIES SAFETY GROUP LIMITED

Safety Training & Services to the Construction Industry

**Safe Use of Vertical Spindle Moulder**

Only *trained and authorised* employees to use this machine, as per ACOP L114

**Safe Use Procedures**

* Use table rings to close the gap between the table and spindle
* Only use if trained and authorised
* Use a false fence for ALL types of straight work
* For continuous length straight work, use a demountable power feed unit
* For curved work, use a properly constructed jig or work holder together with a ring guide and adjustable guard
* Where appropriate use a push block or push stick
* For stopped work, fit front and back stops and use a suitable work holder
* Only use limited cutter projection tooling (as required by PUWER 98)
* Check the selected spindle speed does not exceed the maximum speed marked on the tool
* Fit and properly adjust all guards and safety devices before starting the machine – report any defects immediately to your supervisor
* Do not leave the machine unattended whilst the cutter is rotating
* Always use the braking device to stop the machine/cutter
* Ensure the working area is well illuminated and is kept clean, clear and tidy.
* No loose clothing due to entanglement risk.
* Use all Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) provided by your employer (e.g. hearing defenders, respirators etc)

**Machine Maintenance and Cleaning**

* Do not remove off-cuts, clean the machine or adjust guards whilst the auger/chisel is in motion
* Maintain the machine in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions