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Wood Shop Safety Upgrades at MacGregor Collegiate Institute

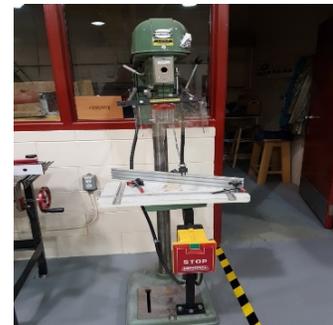
The Pine Creek School Division Board is aware of the safety needs of students in its schools and made the decision to be proactive on shop safety upgrades. The Manitoba School Board Association (MSBA) Risk Management program has identified the need for these changes to high schools across the province.



Upgraded MCI Industrial Arts Room

Mr. Bob Gaiser, Pine Creek School Division's Safety Officer, was first tasked in conducting a safety audit on the MacGregor Collegiate (MCI) Industrial Arts shop last school year. From the results of that audit, the Board allocated resources towards improvements to the floor plan in order to bring the entire shop up to Workplace Health & Safety Standards, while ensuring that only Canadian Standards Association (CSA) approved equipment remained in the shop.

With the implemented upgrades now complete, the high school's shop has become a safe and efficient learning environment for MCI students. The major upgrades done in this shop include an overall clean and efficient floorplan, with knee jerk reaction switches, anti-slip footing and power outage protection placed at each piece of equipment. The purpose of these upgrades is to provide the students with the best shop experience, while keeping them as safe as possible.



CSA Standard Equipment

The exposure to safety that the students receive while attending Pine Creek Division schools will be something they will carry forward into their professional lives. Mr. Gaiser states, "Pine Creek School Division has made great strides to stay ahead of the curve when it comes to the safety of students and staff in the schools; this is a trend I would like to continue in years to come."

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