

6. HEALTH AND SAFETY

6.1 Introduction

Wood-based panels provide the designer, processor and user with a material that is safe. As with any material, risks to the health and safety of a handler or user can arise as a result of particular handling or processing operations.

Because of their size and weight, wood-based panels can present manual handling risks and cutting operations will release wood dust which carries certain risks particularly at the occupational level.

These risks can be controlled by following relatively simple procedures.