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Wood Dust Toxicity Chart**

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S-sensitizer

C-cancer causing

P-hyper-sensitivity
pneumonia

DT - Direct toxin

Wood type	Reaction	Potency Level
Bald Cypress	S	Low
Beech	S, C	Medium
Birch	S	Medium
Black Locust	I	High
Blackwood	S	Medium
Boxwood	S	Medium
Cashew	S	Low
Cocobolo	I, S	High
Dahoma	I	Medium
Ebony	I, S	Medium
Elm	I	Low
Goncalo Alves	S	Medium
Greenheart	S	High
Hemlock	C	Unknown
Iroko	I, S, P	High
Mahogany	S, P	Low
Mansonina	I, S	High
Maple	S, P	High
Myrtle	S	Medium
Oak	S, C	Medium
Obeche	I, S	High
Oleander	DT	Very High

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Opepe	S	Low
Padauk	S	Low
Pau Ferro	S	Low
Peroba Rosa	I	Medium
Purpleheart	S	Medium
Quebracho	I, C, S, P	Medium
Redwood	S, P, C	Medium
Rosewoods	I, S	Very High
Satinwood	I	High
Sassafras	S, DT, C	Low
Sequoia	I	Low
Snakewood	I	Medium
Spruce	S	Low
Walnut, black	S	Medium
Wenge	S	Medium
Willow	S	Low
W. Red Cedar	S	High
Teak	S, P	Medium
Yew	I, DT	Very High
Zebrawood	S	Medium

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