

Possible Reactions to Woods

Wood	Class (Irritant or Sensitizer)	Reaction Type	Potency	Source	Incidence
Alder	Irritant*	Respiratory, eye and skin	No info†	Dust	No info
Ash	Irritant	Respiratory	No info	Dust	No info
Avodire	Irritant	Respiratory, eye and skin	No info	Dust	No info
Baldcypress	Sensitizer**	Respiratory	Small	Dust	Rare
Beech	Sensitizer	Respiratory	Great	Dust	Rare
Birch	Sensitizer	Respiratory, nausea	Great	Dust	Rare
Black locust	Irritant	Nausea	Great	Dust	Rare
Bubinga	Irritant	Eye and skin	No info	Dust	No info
Red cedar, Eastern	Irritant	Respiratory, eye and skin	No info	Dust	Common
Red cedar, western	Sensitizer	Respiratory	Great	Dust, leaves & bark	Common
Cocobolo	Irritant	Respiratory, eye and skin	Great	Dust & wood	Common
Ebony	Irritant & sensitizer	Respiratory, eye and skin	Great	Dust & wood	Common
Elm	Irritant	Eye and skin	Small	Dust	Rare
Goncalo alves	Sensitizer	Eye and skin	Small	Dust & wood	Rare
Greenheart	Sensitizer	Respiratory, eye and skin	Extreme	Dust & wood	Common
Ipe	Irritant	Respiratory, eye and skin	No info	No info	No info
Mahogany	Irritant	Respiratory, eye and skin	Small	Dust	Rare
Maple (usually only spalted)	Sensitizer	Respiratory	Great	Dust	Rare
Oak, red	Irritant	Nasal	Great	Dust	Rare
Padauk	Irritant	Respiratory, eye, skin, and nausea	Extreme	Dust & wood	Common
Purpleheart	Sensitizer	Eye and skin, nausea	Small	Dust & wood	Rare
Rosewood	Irritant & sensitizer	Respiratory, eye and skin	Extreme	Dust & wood	Common
Sassafras	Sensitizer	Respiratory, nausea, and nasal cancer	Small	Dust & wood	Rare
Teak	Sensitizer	Eye and skin	Extreme	Dust	Common
Walnut, black	Sensitizer	Eye and skin	Great	Leaves & bark	Common
Willow	Sensitizer	Nasal cancer	Great	Dust	Common