

Table Saw Safety

These guidelines are for reference only and are not to be considered as practical training. All students must complete the safety licensing process before they can be certified by the instructor to use this tool.

General Rules and Guidelines

Always check with the instructor before operating any machine or power tool! When in doubt, always ask!

- 1 Always wear safety glasses, goggles or a face shield.
- 2 If the cutting operation is dusty, wear a dust mask.
- 3 Do not wear gloves while operating a table saw.
- 4 Remove ties, dangling jewelry and tie back long hair or any other loose fitting clothing that could become caught while operating a table saw.
- 5 Wear non-slip footwear.
- 6 Use a push stick to cut stock that is 150 cm or less in width.
- 7 Use a stop block when you crosscut short lengths.
- 8 Position your body so that it is **NOT** in line with the blade. This is to avoid being injured by flying sawdust, woodchips or the work.
- 9 The height of the blade should be set just slightly higher than the stock being cut. It should never be more than 6mm above the height of the stock. This is to ensure that if your hand slips you only receive a slight cut and do not lose a limb.
- 10 Always stand firmly on the floor and avoid any awkward operations. This is to avoid falling into the blade by slipping or losing your balance.
- 11 Pay attention to the work being performed.
- 12 Do not reach behind or over the blade until it has stopped turning.
- 13 Do not leave the saw until the blade has come to a complete stop.
- 14 Make sure that the blade has stopped turning before you adjust the table saw.
- 15 After any adjustment, make sure that the blade is free before you turn on the power.
- 16 Ensure that all guides and guards are positioned properly for the blade. The more force that you are applying the worse it is.
- 17 Never make free-hand cuts on the table saw.
- 18 Check that the stock has no nails, knots screw, stones etc. in it prior to cutting into the wood.