

Safe Use of Portable Circular Saws

OHBA Safety Pages



- Permit only trained and experienced workers to operate a saw.
- Wear proper eye and hearing protection, and when required, respiratory protection.
- Use sharp blades designed for your work and recommended by the tool manufacturer.
- Check the retractable lower blade guard before use. Make sure that it works correctly.
- Allow the saw to reach full power before cutting.
- Make sure the lower blade guard is fully returned before laying down the saw.
- Disconnect the power supply before adjusting or changing the blade.
- Keep all electrical cords clear of the cutting path.
- Use both hands to operate the saw.
- Keep the saw blade guards and motor clean and free of sawdust.
- Secure the work while cutting.
- Do not fix or hold the retractable lower blade guard in the open position.
- Do not place your hand under the shoe or guard of the saw while the saw is connected to the power supply.
- Do not over tighten the saw blade locking nut.
- Do not twist the saw while cutting to change direction or saw alignment unless the blade is designed for that purpose.
- Do not use a saw that vibrates or is defective.
- Do not force the saw during cutting.
- Do not cut materials without first checking for obstructions or foreign objects such as nails and screws in the cutting path of the saw.
- Do not carry portable circular saws with hands or fingers on the trigger switch.



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Project: _____ Address: _____

Employer: _____ Supervisor: _____

Date: _____ Time: _____ Shift: _____

Number in crew: _____ Number attending: _____

Safety or Health issues discussed. Include recent accident investigations and hazards involving tools, equipment, the work environment, and work practices:

Follow up from last safety meeting:

Record of those attending:

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