

# Safe Use of Table 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.
- Refer to and follow the table saw manufacturer's instructions for reducing the risk of kickbacks.
- Make sure the guard is in place and working correctly.
- Choose the proper saw blade for the type of work being done.
- Keep saw blades clean, sharp, and properly set so they will cut freely without being forced.
- Keep the work area clean. Operate the table saw in a non-congested, well-lighted area.
- Feed material into the saw blade counter to the direction of rotation.
- During cutting, keep hands out of the line of the saw cut.
- Use the saw blade guard with a spreader and anti-kickback fingers for ripping or cross cutting operations.
- Keep your body to the side of the saw blade out of the line of a possible kickback.
- Use a push stick when ripping narrow stock.
- When changing the saw blade:
  1. Operate the Stop button on the saw to shut off the machine.
  2. Disconnect the power supply.
  3. Place the plug end of the cord on top of the saw table. Or follow your Lockout / Tag-Out procedures for the machine.
  4. Replace the saw blade. Be sure to wear proper cut resistant gloves when handling the saw blades.
- Do not perform free-hand sawing. The stock must be held firmly against the miter gauge or rip fence to position and guide the cut.
- Do not reach around or over a moving saw blade.
- Do not leave the table saw unattended while the saw blade is in motion.



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SAFETY PAGE MEETING GUIDE

Topic: Safe Use of Table Saws

Project: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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, work practices and any Safety or Health recommendations:

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Follow up on recommendations from last safety meeting:

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