

TABLE SAW **SAFETY** TIP SHEET

1. Always inspect the table saw before beginning a shift.
2. Always wear eye and ear protection while using the saw and a dust mask is recommended.
3. Tie back hair, remove all jewelry, and wear snug fitting clothing while using this machine.
4. Never wear gloves while using this machine.
5. Keep the table and surrounding area free of debris and excessive dust that may cause tripping or slipping.
6. Eliminate potential distractions and ignore anyone who tries to converse with you while operating the saw.
7. Ensure that all guides are properly locked before using the saw and that the appropriate guards are in place.
8. Check each piece of wood for metal and loose knots and remove either before cutting.
9. A dull blade is dangerous, may cause kick backs and must be replaced before the saw is used.
10. The power must be disconnected at the service panel before changing a blade.
11. The blade must be adjusted to protrude no more that approximately 1/4" through the stock that is being cut.
12. Use push sticks, feather boards and other holding or pushing jigs and devices to keep hands away from the blade.
13. Pay attention to the direction you are applying force to the stock so that your hands slip, they will not go toward the blade.
14. Use a stick to clear scraps, not your hands.
15. Always maintain control over any stock captured between the blade and the fence of the saw.
16. The blade must be completely stopped before making adjustments.
17. Never make freehand cuts on the table saw.
18. As a helper, only support stock, do not guide it.

Additional Resources:

Woodworking Machinery Requirements: 29 CFR 1910.213

Machine Guarding: 29 CFR 1910.212

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