Table Saw Safety

Prior to using a table saw, you must receive basic shop safety training and equipment specific training before using this tool. You must wear appropriate PPE and follow all shop rules. Refer to the manufacturer’s operating manual for all operating procedures.

General Band Saw Safety

- Use the proper blade for the material and type of cut. Do not use a rip blade for cross cutting or a crosscut blade for rip sawing. Only use a plywood blade on plywood.
- The circular blade of the table saw should be set to $\frac{3}{8}$-inch above the work.

Before Starting the Band Saw

- Inspect the blade before using it to make sure it is the proper blade and is sharp and free from cracks.
- Appropriate guards must be in place at all times. Never remove a guard.

While in Operation

- Stand to one side, never directly in line with the work being fed through the saw.
- Never allow your fingers to get near the blade when sawing. Use a push stick to rip narrow pieces of stock.
- Do not use a push stick to remove scrap. Shut off the machine and wait until the blade stops before clearing scrap.
- If the material to cut is too large, get assistance in supporting the material as it is fed through. Never try this alone.
- Never reach over the saw to get something on the other side.
- When shutting off power, never attempt to stop the saw quickly by shoving anything against the blade. Make sure the saw is stopped before leaving it.

Housekeeping and Maintenance

Follow EHS’s Guideline Lock-out/Tag-out – Control of Hazardous Energy Sources if servicing is required.

Housekeeping

- Do not allow material to collect on or around the table. Sweep us sawdust and material scraps regularly and before leaving area at the end of your usage of the saw.

Maintenance

- Never make any adjustments to the saw while it is running. Turn off the power and make sure the saw is completely stopped before attempting to adjust it.
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