

# POST THESE SAFETY RULES FOR REFERENCE.



## SAFETY RULES FOR TABLE SAWS



**▲ WARNING** FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE RULES MAY RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY.

1. **READ AND UNDERSTAND** the instruction manual before operating this machine.
2. **DO NOT OPERATE THIS MACHINE** until it is completely assembled and installed according to the instructions. .
3. **OBTAIN ADVICE** from your supervisor, instructor, or another qualified person if you are not thoroughly familiar with the operation of this machine.
4. **FOLLOW ALL WIRING CODES** and recommended electrical connections.
5. **DO NOT OPERATE THIS MACHINE** while under the influence of drugs, alcohol, or medication.
6. **USE CERTIFIED SAFETY EQUIPMENT.** Eye protection equipment should comply with ANSI Z87.1 standards, hearing equipment should comply with ANSI S3.19 standards, and dust mask protection should comply with MSHA/NIOSH certified respirator standards.
7. **WEAR PROPER APPAREL.** Do not wear loose clothing, gloves, neckties, rings, bracelets, or other jewelry which may get caught in moving parts. Non-slip footwear is recommended. Wear protective hair covering to contain long hair.
8. **USE THE GUARDS WHENEVER POSSIBLE.** Check to see that they are in place, secured, and working correctly.
9. **KICKBACK IS THE NATURAL TENDENCY OF THE WORKPIECE TO BE THROWN BACK AT THE OPERATOR** when the workpiece initially contacts the blade or if the workpiece pinches the blade. Kickback is dangerous and can result in serious injury.  
**AVOID KICKBACK** by:
  - A. keeping blade sharp and free of rust and pitch.
  - B. keeping rip fence parallel to the saw blade.
  - C. using saw blade guard and spreader for every possible operation, including all through sawing.
  - D. pushing the workpiece past the saw blade prior to release.
  - E. never ripping a workpiece that is twisted or warped, or does not have a straight edge to guide along the fence.
  - F. using featherboards when the anti-kickback device cannot be used.
  - G. never sawing a large workpiece that cannot be controlled.
  - H. never using the fence as a guide when cross-cutting.
  - I. never sawing a workpiece with loose knots or other flaws.
10. **ALWAYS USE GUARDS, SPLITTER, AND ANTI-KICKBACK FINGERS** whenever possible.
11. **REMOVE CUT-OFF PIECES AND SCRAPS** from the table before starting the saw. The vibration of the machine may cause them to move into the saw blade and be thrown out. After cutting, turn the machine off. After the blade has come to a complete stop, remove all debris.
12. **NEVER START THE MACHINE** with the workpiece against the blade.
13. **NEVER** run the workpiece between the fence and a moulding cutterhead.
14. **CUTTING THE WORKPIECE WITHOUT THE USE OF A FENCE OR MITER GAUGE IS KNOWN AS “FREEHAND” CUTTING.** NEVER perform “free-hand” operations. Use either the fence or miter gauge to position and guide the workpiece.
15. **HOLD THE WORKPIECE FIRMLY** against the miter gauge or fence.
16. **CUTTING COMPLETELY THROUGH THE WORKPIECE IS KNOWN AS “THROUGH-SAWING”.** Ripping and cross-cutting are through-sawing operations. Cutting with the grain (or down the length of the workpiece) is ripping. Cutting across the grain (or across the workpiece) is cross-cutting. Use a fence or fence system for ripping. **DO NOT** use a fence or fence system for cross-cutting. Instead, use a miter gauge. **USE PUSH STICK(S)** for ripping a narrow workpiece.
17. **AVOID AWKWARD OPERATIONS AND HAND POSITIONS** where a sudden slip could cause a hand to move into the blade.
18. **KEEP ARMS, HANDS, AND FINGERS** away from the blade.
19. **NEVER** have any part of your body in line with the path of the saw blade.
20. **NEVER REACH AROUND** or over the saw blade.
21. **NEVER** attempt to free a stalled saw blade without first turning the machine “OFF”.
22. **PROPERLY SUPPORT LONG OR WIDE WORKPIECES.**
23. **NEVER PERFORM LAYOUT, ASSEMBLY, or set-up work** on the table/work area when the machine is running.
24. **TURN THE MACHINE “OFF” AND DISCONNECT THE MACHINE** from the power source before installing or removing accessories, before adjusting or changing set-ups, or when making repairs.
25. **TURN THE MACHINE “OFF”,** disconnect the machine from the power source, and clean the table/work area before leaving the machine. **LOCK THE SWITCH IN THE “OFF” POSITION** to prevent unauthorized use.