



SAFE WORK PROCEDURE

Task	Use of Table Saw	Location	Job sites
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Hazards Present	Personal Protective Equipment	Additional Training
Exposed blade - cuts, amputation Electrical shock Noise Debris in eyes MSI - Back injury	Eye protection Hearing protection Safety Footwear Safeguard	Lift/Material Handling Training

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1. Don personal protective equipment before beginning task. Ensure clothing fits properly.
2. Ensure the proper blade is selected and used for the job at hand.
3. Ensure the saw is unplugged or locked out before making any adjustments or changing the blade. Inspect the following for defects: electrical cords and switches, the blade (by opening up the wheel guard), and all safeguards. If defects are identified, refer to the supervisor for maintenance before continuing.
5. Inspect wood to ensure no defects or foreign objects in wood to avoid the saw to kick back. If defects are identified, place in refuse bin and continue with another piece of material
6. Assess size and weight of material. Get help lifting heavy or awkward pieces of material
7. Ensure work area is clear and free of debris
8. If a guard is not practicable to use, ensure a 2 worker operation is in place (1 feed and 1 tail)
9. Use push sticks when pieces are smaller than 8". Keep hands away from blade.
10. Where harmful vapours or dust are created, approved breathing protection is to be used.
11. Blades:
 - Discard any blade that has developed a crack from the eye or the collar.
 - Discard any blade that has developed a crack from its outer diameter whose length is more than 1/20 the diameter of the saw blade
12. Maintenance is to be done according to the manufacturer's specifications.

Guidance Documents/Resources

Operator's manual Manitoba Workplace Safety & Health Regulations M.R. 217/2006 2.1 Safe Work Procedures 6.1 Personal protection Equipment 8 Musculoskeletal injuries 12.4 Hearing Protection 16.4 Machine and Tool Safety 16.5 Safeguards required 16.6 Alternate Mechanism 36 Chemical and Biological Substances	
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