

SAFE WORK PRACTICES

3.13 SAFE USE OF TABLE SAWS

Safe Work Practices:

1. Ensure workers using equipment have reviewed manual or have been instructed on proper use.
2. Ensure all equipment is maintained regularly according to operating guidelines.
3. Ensure all workers and those in the working area wear the proper P.P.E in accordance with the standard nature of work. ie: hard hat, safety goggles / face mask & ear plugs to prevent injury.
4. Ensure equipment is not used in a dangerous environment such as damp or wet areas, exposed to rain or flammable substances.
5. Keep work area clean.
6. Equipment should be locked up to ensure it is not accessible by untrained individuals/children.

Procedures:

1. Ensure guards/kickback claws are in place, blade is sharp and all parts are aligned and in good working order.
2. Make sure switch is off before plugging in tool.
3. Ensure you are not wearing loose clothing, jewelry, etc. and proper safety equipment is used. ie: safety glasses, dust mask, non-slip shoes, hair net, etc.
4. Ensure adjusting keys and wrenches are removed before starting saw.
5. Ensure work area is clean of debris or other pieces of equipment, which may hinder moving freely.
6. Ensure there is adequate lighting and the area is not damp/wet or exposed to rain.
7. Use proper extension cord and ensure it is in good condition.
8. Secure work, where applicable.
9. Feed work into the blade against the direction of rotation of the blade and do not force work.
10. Feed force when ripping should always be applied between the saw blade and the fence by using a push stick in order to avoid "Kickbacks".
11. Keep hand away from the line of the blade.
12. Keep proper footing and balance at all time and do not overreach (reach in back or over the saw blade).
13. Disconnect saw before servicing/changing saw blade, storing for future use, etc.
14. Never leave saw running while unattended.
15. Ensure saw is stored in a safe place so it is not available to untrained individuals.
16. Ensure blade RPM rating must exceed the rating of the RPMs of the table saw.