

## TABLE SAW SAFETY RULES

1. ASK THE INSTRUCTOR FOR ADVICE FOR SPECIAL SETUPS LIKE DADOES AND RABBETS.
2. THE SAW GUARD MUST NOT BE REMOVED WITHOUT INSTRUCTOR APPROVAL.
3. ADJUST THE HEIGHT OF THE BLADE SO THE BLADE DOES NOT EXTEND MORE THAN 1/8" ABOVE THE WOOD BEING CUT.
4. ALL ADJUSTMENTS TO THE SAW SHOULD BE MADE WHEN THE BLADE IS AT A COMPLETE STOP.
5. USE A PUSH STICK TO RIP STOCK LESS THAN 4" IN WIDTH.
6. FREEHAND SAWING, SAWING WITHOUT ANY GUIDE, CAN NEVER HAPPEN.
7. NEVER STAND DIRECTLY BEHIND THE SAW BLADE. STAND TO THE LEFT OR THE RIGHT.
8. BE CAREFUL TO NEVER HAVE YOUR FINGERS IN LINE WITH THE PATH OF THE CUT.
9. ARCH YOUR FINGERS WHEN PUSHING WOOD THROUGH THE SAW RATHER THAN LAYING YOUR HAND FLAT ON THE BOARD.
10. REACHING OVER THE SPINNING BLADE OR PASSING WOOD OVER IT IS UNSAFE.
11. DO NOT REACH IN AND PULL OUT SCRAP PIECES OF WOOD THAT ARE STUCK IN THE THROAT PLATE WHILE THE BLADE IS TURNING.
12. MAKE CERTAIN THAT NOTHING BUT THE WOOD YOU ARE CUTTING IS ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE RIP FENCE.
13. STOP THE SAW IF YOU MUST BACK OUT OF A CUT, IT COULD VERY EASILY KICK BACK.
14. BE SURE THAT THE STOCK YOU ARE CUTTING IS FREE OF NAILS, DIRT, PAINT, AND OTHER DEFECTS.
15. STOP THE SAW AND MOVE AWAY FROM IT BEFORE SPEAKING WITH SOMEONE WHO IS SEEKING YOUR ATTENTION.
16. FEED THE WOOD INTO THE SAW ONLY AS FAST AS THE SAW WILL FREELY CUT.
17. RETURN THE SAW TO ITS NORMAL OPERATING POSITION WHEN COMPLETING OPERATIONS THAT REQUIRE SPECIAL SETUPS.
18. WHEN RIPPING, MAKE SURE THE EDGE OF THE BOARD THAT SLIDES AGAINST THE RIP FENCE IS STRAIGHT AND SMOOTH.
19. KNOW EXACTLY WHAT YOU WANT TO DO AND HOW YOU ARE GOING TO DO IT.

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20. BALANCE YOUR WEIGHT EVENLY ON BOTH FEET WHEN SAWING. A PROPER STANCE WILL HELP YOU AVOID ACCIDENTS.
21. DO NOT CUT PIECES THAT ARE SO SMALL THAT YOU CAN'T CONTROL THEM WHEN CUTTING.
22. ADJUST THE RIP FENCE ONLY WHEN THE SAW IS AT A COMPLETE STOP.
23. WHEN SOMEONE IS RUNNING THE TABLE SAW, BE CAREFUL NOT TO BUMP INTO THEM WITH BOARDS OR YOUR BODY.
24. BE AWARE OF OTHERS AROUND YOU BUT KEEP YOUR MIND AND EYES FOCUSED ON YOUR CUTTING.
25. HOLD LONG PIECES FIRMLY AND PRESS DOWN ON SMALL PIECES SO THEY DO NOT SHIFT WHEN CUTTING.
26. NEVER ALLOW YOUR HAND TO BE DIRECTLY ABOVE THE SPINNING BLADE.
27. NEVER USE THE MITER GAUGE AND THE RIP FENCE AT THE SAME TIME WHEN CUTTING ALL THE WAY THROUGH A BOARD.
28. WHEN CUTTING WITH A SLED, BE CAREFUL NOT TO PUSH THE SLED OFF THE TABLE AFTER A CUT OR PULL THE SLED OFF THE TABLE WHEN RETURNING THE SLED TO THE STARTING POSITION.
29. TURN THE SAW OFF BETWEEN CUTS WHEN CROSSCUTTING WITH THE SLED.
30. ONLY CROSSCUT WOOD WITH THE SLED. NEVER RIP.