

# SAFETY OPERATING PROCEDURES

## Bandsaw

**DO NOT use this machine unless you have been instructed in its safe use and operation.**



Safety glasses must be worn at all times in work areas.



Long and loose hair must be contained.



CSA footwear must be worn at all times in work areas.



Close fitting/protective clothing must be worn.



Rings and jewellery must not be worn.



Hearing protection may be required for some operations.

### PRE-OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS

1. Ensure no slip/trip hazards are present in workspaces and walkways.
2. Locate and ensure you are familiar with the operation of the ON/OFF starter and E-Stop (if fitted).
3. Check that all guards are in position.
4. Ensure push stick is available.
5. Lower the blade guide and guard to full effect.
6. Start the dust extraction unit before using the saw.
7. Faulty equipment must not be used. Immediately report suspect machinery.

### OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS

**Keep fingers off the line of the cut at all times**

1. Never leave the machine running unattended.
2. The workpiece should be fed forward evenly and held firmly on the table to ensure effective control during cutting whilst keeping hands in a safe position.
3. Use a push stick when feeding material past the blade.
4. Do not force a wide blade on a cut of small radius. Use relief cuts when cutting sharp curves.
5. Before making adjustments switch off the saw and bring the machine to a complete standstill.
6. Stop the machine before attempting to back the work away from the blade.
7. Stop the saw immediately if the blade develops a 'click'. Report it to the manager.

### HOUSEKEEPING

1. Switch off the saw and reset all guards to a fully closed position.
2. Leave the machine in a safe, clean and tidy state.

### FORBIDDEN

- Attempting to cut very small items
- Cutting cylindrical or irregular stock

This SOP does not necessarily cover all possible hazards associated with the machine and should be used in conjunction with other references. It is designed to be used as an adjunct to teaching Safety Procedures and to act as a reminder to users prior to machine use.

Date of last review

Signature