

SMSA – Safe Work Procedure

BANDSAW



DO NOT use this machine unless you have been instructed in its safe use and operation and have been given permission

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT



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



Long and loose hair must be contained.



Hearing protection must be worn.



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



Close fitting/protective clothing must be worn.



Rings and jewellery must not be worn.

PRE-OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS

- ✓ Locate and ensure you are familiar with all machine operations and controls
- ✓ Ensure all guards are fitted, secure and functional. Do not operate if guards are missing or faulty.
- ✓ Check workspaces and walkways to ensure no slip/trip hazards are present.
- ✓ Ensure push stick is available.
- ✓ Lower the blade guide and guard to full effect.
- ✓ Start the dust extraction unit before using the machine.

OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS

- ✓ Keep hands away from the blade and cutting area.
- ✓ Feed the workpiece forward evenly and hold it firmly on the table to ensure effective control during cutting, while keeping hands in a safe position.
- ✓ Use a push stick when feeding material past the blade.
- ✓ Before making adjustments, switch off the saw and bring the machine to a complete standstill.
- ✓ Stop the machine before attempting to back the work away from the blade.
- ✓ Stop the saw immediately if the blade develops a 'click'. Report it to your supervisor.

ENDING OPERATIONS AND CLEANING UP

- ✓ Switch off the machine when work completed.
- ✓ Reset all guards to a fully closed position.
- ✓ Leave the machine in a safe, clean and tidy state.

DON'T

- ✗ Do not use faulty equipment. Immediately report suspect machinery.
- ✗ Attempt to cut very small items.
- ✗ Cut cylindrical or irregular stock.
- ✗ Never leave the machine running unattended.
- ✗ Do not force a wide blade on a cut of small radius. Use relief cuts when cutting sharp curves.

This SWP does not necessarily cover all possible hazards associated with this equipment and should be used in conjunction with other references. It is designed as a guide to be used to compliment training and as a reminder to users prior to equipment use.

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