



<b>Hazards</b>	cuts, electrical
<b>Tools/Equipment</b>	push stick (as required)
<b>Employee Group(s)</b>	Facilities Management - Carpentry

**Required PPE:**



Safety Shoes



Ear Protection



Eye Protection



Respirator

**SAFE WORK PRACTICES**

- Do not perform the procedure or operate the equipment until you have been appropriately trained and authorized to do so by your supervisor.
- Inspect required personal protective equipment (PPE) and replace if required.
- Do not wear loose-fitting clothing, dangling jewelry, etc.
- Do not carry on a conversation while cutting – pay attention to task at hand.

**PROCEDURE**

1. Position body so that it is not in line with blade.
2. The height of blade should be set slightly higher than thickness of stock being cut.
3. Always stand firmly on the floor.
4. Do not reach over or behind blade unless it has stopped turning.
5. Do not leave the saw until blade has stopped.
6. Always unplug the saw before changing the blade or performing other maintenance. Follow LOTO procedure.
7. Make sure blade has stopped before making blade adjustments (i.e., height, angle).
8. Ensure the guard is in place and operates properly.
9. Ensure guides are in place and tabletop is smooth and polished.
10. Maintain the rip fence parallel to the blade – keep the blade sharp.
11. Check throat plate to ensure proper fit and secured.
12. Do not make hands free cuts (use rip fence or mitre gauge).
13. Work should be released only when it has gone past the blade.
14. Check stock is free of nails, stones, etc.
15. Do not adjust fence while saw is running.
16. Use push stick for ripping stock between 50 mm and 150 mm wide.
17. Do not rip any stock less than 50 mm wide unless a safe jig is set up.

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*NOTE: All PPE, tools and equipment shall be used in accordance with provincial OH&S legislation, manufacturer's specifications, applicable standards and codes of practice.*