

Bandsaw safety checklist

Run this before the first cut of every shift — one saw, one operator, one minute

BEFORE YOU START — OPERATOR & AREA

- ☐ I am trained and authorized to operate this saw
- ☐ Eye and hearing protection on
- ☐ Cut-resistant gloves and apron where your site requires them
Snug fit only — a loose cuff near a running blade is an entanglement hazard
- ☐ No loose clothing, jewellery or drawstrings; long hair tied back
- ☐ Work area clear, floor clean and dry, lighting good

MACHINE CHECKS — SAW OFF

- ☐ Blade guard in place; upper guide set close to the workpiece
- ☐ Blade condition checked: no cracks or missing teeth, correct tension and tracking
- ☐ Right blade for the material — at least 3 teeth in the cut at all times (the 3-tooth rule)
- ☐ Emergency stop tested and within reach
- ☐ Push stick, feed jig or fixture at hand for small or awkward pieces

WHILE CUTTING

- ☐ Hands stay out of the danger zone — never in line with the blade
- ☐ Feed with steady, moderate pressure; let the blade do the work
- ☐ Stop the blade before backing out of a cut or clearing offcuts
- ☐ Never leave the saw running unattended

JAMS, BLADE CHANGES & CLEANING

- ☐ Blade fully stopped and lockout/tagout applied before clearing a jam, cleaning or changing the blade
- ☐ Faults, near-misses and dull blades reported to your supervisor



Untrained operators must not use this machine. If any check fails, the saw does not run — tag it out and tell your supervisor.