

Basic Safety Rules For Power Tools

1. DON'T operate a machine until
 - A) you receive proper instruction,
 - B) you fully understand how to use it,
 - C) you have instructor's permission.
2. WEAR EYE PROTECTION.
3. Use ALL safety guards exactly as they are supposed to be used.
4. WEAR EAR PROTECTION.
5. Make all adjustments to machines with the power off.
6. Start & stop the machine yourself. **STAY WITH THE MACHINE UNTIL IT STOPS.**
7. Keep a **SAFE DISTANCE** between your hands & all moving parts on the machine. Place fingers so there is no danger they will slip into moving parts.
8. Make sure everyone is clear **BEFORE** you turn on the power.
9. **PLAN YOUR WORK BEFORE YOU BEGIN.** If you're going to be cutting a big piece, get help **BEFORE** you start. Don't wait until you're in trouble.
10. Operate the machine **BY YOURSELF** — unless you need a helper.
11. When two people work on a machine, **THE PERSON WHO IS OPERATING THE MACHINE SHOULD GIVE ALL THE INSTRUCTIONS & THE PERSON WHO IS HELPING SHOULD FOLLOW THEM.**
12. Give your machine your full attention. Don't look away or talk to others.
13. **NEVER** startle someone who is using a power tool or machine. Don't speak to or distract the operator in any way.
14. **NEVER** work on machines or power tools when you're **TIRED** or **HURRIED.**
15. **DON'T** leave a machine unattended while it's running.
16. **DISCONNECT** the electrical power before you oil or clean a machine.
17. Keep your **WORK AREA CLEAR** of tools, scraps, liquids, & other items.
18. **DON'T LEAN** or **LOUNGE** on machines.
19. Notify your instructor - **AT ONCE** - if anything breaks or malfunctions.
20. Get first aid treatment for **EVERY** injury — even the slightest scratch.

