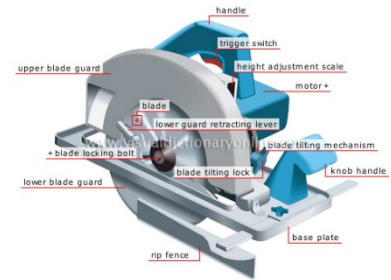


# Code of Safe Practices



## *Circular Saws*

**Woodworking is DANGEROUS. Safe and proper operating procedures must be followed.**



### General Safety Guidelines

1. Wear the proper personal protective equipment:
  - a. Safety glasses or goggles.
  - b. Appropriate shop attire when using hand and power tools including full-length pants (or equivalent) and closed-toe shoes.
  - c. Tight-fitting work gloves only for handling materials. **Never wear gloves while working with power tools.**
2. Don't wear loose clothing or jewelry while operating power tools.
3. Restrain long hair to keep it away from machinery, tools, and points of operation.
4. Always exercise caution; if a procedure feels dangerous or you do not understand the task and saw interface, get advice from your instructor or supervisor.
5. Inspect the saw before each use. Ensure the casing is not cracked, the handles are secure, and the power cord is in good condition.
6. Never use a faulty saw. Lockout the saw, and report it to your supervisor or instructor.
7. Never change the saw blade until ensuring the switch is turned off and the power cord unplugged from the power source.
8. Set the cutting depth as shallow as possible to keep the exposure of the blade below the cut to a minimum.
9. Never carry the saw with your finger on the trigger switch.
10. Keep your second hand away from the blade; place it on the auxiliary handle or motor housing.
11. Never reach underneath the work or place your hand under the shoe or guard of the saw.
12. Never stand or have any part of your body in line with the path of the saw blade, and never reach behind or over the saw with either hand for any reason.
13. Maintain firm footing; never overreach to complete the cut.
14. Never begin cutting before checking for obstructions, such as nails and screws.
15. Never start the saw with the work-piece pressed against the blade.
16. Never attempt to free a stalled saw blade until first turning the saw "off" and unplugging it from its power source.
17. Ensure the blade has stopped, and the lower blade guard is in place before setting the saw down.

***Talk to your supervisor if you have any questions about this information***