

USING MEAT BAND SAWS



What Can Happen

- Cuts
- Finger amputations
- Eye injuries
- Hearing loss
- Infections

Safe Work Guidelines

- Make sure you are fully trained to operate the meat band saw safely – your employer should ensure you are fully trained in the use of any equipment before you use it for the first time
- Use the pusher plate when feeding meat into the saw blade
- Keep your eyes on the meat while you are cutting it
- Make sure you turn the saw off after you use it
- Observe strict personal hygiene precautions to avoid the possibility of infection
- Keep the floor and work area around the machine clear and slip-free at all times
- Wear eye protection as required
- Report any hazards you see to your supervisor

And Remember...

- **Do not** operate the saw without lowering the blade guard to the correct height
- **Do not** force the meat through the saw – your hand could go with it
- **Do not** operate the band saw while wearing loose clothing, gloves, long sleeves, jewelry, or necklaces
- **Do not** clean the saw or try to clear food from the table unless it has come to a complete stop
- **Do not** be distracted when operating saw
- **Do not** clean under table or around the band saw pulleys unless it has been unplugged and locked out
- **Do not** change blade unless it has been locked out

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