



MEAT BAND SAW SAFETY TIPS



Be Prepared	Work Safe	Finish Right
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Remove any gloves, loose clothing, jewelry or necklaces ✓ Ensure area around equipment is free of hazards ✓ Adjust table height to 5 to 10 cm below elbow height ✓ Inspect equipment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Blade condition – E-stop is operational – Company checklist ✓ Confine long hair ✓ Use appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Safety glasses – Hearing protection – Non-slip safety shoes – Apron or coat – Bump cap ✓ Ensure blades are sharp 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Lower blade guards as close to the product as practicable ✓ Use push plate to feed meat into the saw blade ✓ Do not force the meat through the saw ✓ Keep your eyes on the meat while you are cutting it ✓ Do not defeat any safeguarding system ✓ Clean up any spills immediately ✓ Do not let saw run unattended ✓ Use a lockout procedure to clean blades ✓ Observe personal hygiene precautions to avoid the possibility of infection or cross-contamination 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Use a lockout procedure for cleaning equipment and changing blades ✓ Clean the floor and work area around the machine ✓ Report dull blades or problems with the saw to your supervisor ✓ Clean and put away PPE



Speak up!

If you see a hazard, let a supervisor know. Everyone plays a role in your safety and health.

HOW TO USE SAFETY CHECKS FOR WORKERS

Safety checks provide information for workers on how to work safely with specific hazards. Safety Check information can be used in orientation training, tailgate talks or even in one-one coaching. Use the following tips to help you communicate this information in your workplace:

- Use language that is consistent with the workplace
- Consider the work you do and specific examples of how these hazards can result in injury or illness
- Explain how the safe work practices will help prevent injury and illness
- Wherever possible, use the actual tools, equipment, materials and PPE to demonstrate proper use
- Ask specific questions during your talk to check understanding
- Keep a record of each talk that you deliver (see the form below)
- Post a copy of the Safety Check for workers to reference



OWNERS AND SUPERVISORS

Have you taken reasonable measures to control this hazard using the hierarchy of controls?

- Providing well **engineered** saws with appropriate safeguarding
- **Policies and procedures** for equipment lockout
- **Inspecting and repairing** regularly
- **Training** staff on how to recognize, assess and control saw hazards
- **Implementing and enforcing** PPE program

Date: _____ Topic: _____

Safety Check Session Leader: _____

Learner Name (Please print)	Signature

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