

## Information Sheet 1

### TABLE SAW SAFETY RULES

1. Follow all General Shop Safety Rules.
2. Check all stock for nails or foreign material before sawing.
3. Never stand directly in line with the blade. Most operators prefer to stand to the left of the blade.
4. Do not place the hands above, behind, or within 4" of the blade.
5. Never saw freehand.
6. Do not use the fence and miter gauge together, unless a clearance block is attached to the fence.
7. Do not clear away scraps with your fingers while the blade is in motion.
8. Use a push stick for ripping narrow stock.
9. Never reach over the machine to catch the stock that is cut off. Use a helper, or let the stock fall to the floor.
10. Use the fence for ripping; the miter gauge for crosscutting.
11. Use a splitter or riving knife when ripping.
12. Adjust the blade height so that the blade projects 1/4" to 3/8" above the stock.
13. Adjust the blade guard to cover the operation and hover approximately 1/4"-1/2" above the stock.
14. Minimum stock length is 12".
15. Never "cut past a square" when using the rip fence. This means that if the stock length running along the fence is 12", the maximum width of the piece should be no more than 12". A crosscut sled or miter gage should be used for cutting long, narrow pieces.