



Safety Rules: Circular Saws and Electric Planers

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Purpose

This document outlines the rules for the safe operation of circular saws and electric planers.

Scope

This document applies to all authorised maintenance workers, deemed competent by their supervisor.

Training

Supervisors shall arrange for maintenance workers to be trained in the safe and correct operation by a person experienced in circular saw / electric planer usage (as appropriate) and with reference to the Manufacturer's Instruction booklet.

Procedure

1. Operators **must follow the operating procedures outlined in the Manufacturer's information booklet.** The Manufacturer's Instructions must be kept with the equipment.
2. Guards must be fitted and in good working order and used for the purpose they are intended.
3. PPE to be worn: Safety glasses or full-face shield, safety boots, hearing protection.
4. Ensure no hair or loose clothing can get near the work surface
5. Always use a sharp blade or knives
6. Always disconnect from power supply when adjusting / maintaining the saw
7. Always isolate from power supply when maintaining planer
8. Always ensure work surface is secure and free from movement
9. Always check for obstacles, nails etc before cutting / planing
10. Use appropriate manual handling techniques – do not bend and twist the back, use the legs. Take regular rest breaks. Remember, vibration can also cause manual handling injuries.