



Ripping Lumber

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Possible Hazards Present	Personal Protection Required	Additional Training	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cuts - Kick backs - Dust - Flying debris - Noise levels 	CSA Approved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Safety glasses/goggles - Hearing protection - Footwear - Face shield (optional) - Dust mask (optional) 	- Power tool safety	
SAFE WORK PROCEDURE			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wear safety glasses, goggles or a face shield at all times while using the saw. 2. If the cutting operation is dusty, wear a dust mask. 3. Do not wear gloves while operating a table saw. 4. Avoid long sleeves, ties, dangling jewelry or any other loose fitting clothing while operating a table saw. The clothing could get caught in the blade. 5. Wear non-slip footwear. 6. Maintain the rip fence parallel to the blade so the stock will not bind on the blade and be thrown. 7. Keep the blade sharp. Replace or sharpen anti kickback devices when the points become dull. 8. Keep the blades guards, spreaders and anti kickback devices in place and operating properly. The spreader must be in alignment with the blade and the anti kickback device must be in place and operating properly. 9. Cut material that is seasoned, dry and flat. 10. Release work only when it has been pushed completely past the blade. 11. When the width of the rip is 6 inches or wider, use your right hand to feed the workpiece until it is clear of the table. Only use the left hand to guide the workpiece - do not feed the workpiece with the left hand. 12. When the width of the rip is less than 2 inches, the push stick cannot be used because the guard will interfere. Use the auxiliary fence-work support and push block. Use the two C clamps to attach the auxiliary work-fence support the rip fence. 13. When the width of the rip is 2 to 6 inches, use the push stick to feed the work. 14. REPORT ANY DANGEROUS SITUATIONS TO THE SUPERVISOR. 			



<p>Documentation/Legislation Workplace Safety and Health Regulation, M.R. 217/2006 Operators' manual 16 Machine and Tool Safety 6 Personal Protective Equipment</p>	<p>This Safe Work Procedure will be reviewed anytime the task, equipment or materials change and at a minimum every three years.</p>
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