TABLE SAW SAFETY RULES

General rules for the Table Saw

1) Eye protection must be worn while operating the Table Saw.

2) All guards must be in place when operating the Table Saw. The only

 exception is with the instructors permission.

3) Give the saw all your attention when operating it. KEEP YOUR EYES ON

 THE BLADE AT ALL TIMES.

4) NO talking while operating the Table Saw.

5) The saw blade should be adjusted to cut above the wood NO MORE than

 ¼ inch (6mm).

6) Check the proper mounting of the saw.

7) All adjustments are to be made when the saw is not running.

8) Freehand cuts are NEVER allowed on the Table Saw.

9) To prevent injury, in case of kickback, always stand to the LEFT side of the

 blade.

10) NEVER reach across the blade to retrieve a piece a wood you have cut.

11) When tilting the blade, check to make sure it doesn’t hit the guard or

 throat plate before turning on the machine.

12) When starting the saw, if it doesn’t sound right, turn it off IMMEDIATELY.

13) If a special set-up is required, it MUST be checked by the instructor before

 using.

14) All special set-ups MUST be removed immediately after use.

15) Ask permission of the instructor before using the Table Saw.

RIPPING (definition: Cutting wood WITH the grain direction)

1) ALWAYS use the RIP FENCE to guide the wood when ripping

2) 12 inches (305mm) is the minimum length for ripping.

3) Boards WIDER than 4 inches (100mm) can be pushed through by hand.

4) Boards NARROWER than 4 inches (100mm) MUST be pushed through with

 a PUSH STICK.

5) 3/8 inch (10mm) is the narrowest board to be ripped on the saw.

6) Edge of the wood touching the rip fence MUST be straight to ensure a

 straight cut (Face Edge).

7) Check fence to be sure it is locked in place before turning the saw on.

8) Always place the part of the board to be KEPT, between the fence and the blade.

9) Wood should NEVER be left between the fence and the blade. Always follow

 through the cut.

CROSSCUTTING (definition: Cutting wood ACROSS the grain direction)

1) Use the MITRE GAUGE or MITRE BOX when crosscutting.

2) Fingers should never be closer to the blade than 4 inches (100mm)

3) Set proper angle to be cut and lock in place before turning the saw on.

4) If cutting 90 degrees, ALWAYS check the Mitre Gauge with a square before cutting.

5) Rip fence MUST be clear of work area.

6) NEVER use the Rip Fence and Mitre Gauge or Mitre box at the same time.

7) All work must be firmly held against the Mitre box.

8) When cutting several pieces the same length, fasten a clamp to the Mitre

 box.

9) Never remove scrap wood from around the saw while it’s turning.