

# Bandsaw Safety

## Rules

1. Set the saw guide to between 1/4 and 1/2 inch of the stock before turning on the power.
2. Do not put your fingers closer than three inches from the blade.
3. Do not place your hands directly in line with the blade while cutting stock.
4. Do not allow anyone (including yourself) to stand on the right side of the bandsaw while it is running. A broken blade is likely to fly in that direction.
5. Turn off the power before backing out of a cut. This avoids pulling the blade off its wheels.
6. To avoid bending and breaking a blade and damaging your work, you should not twist or bend the saw blade with your stock. Make relief cuts before sawing sharp curves and never use extreme force to cut your material.
7. Do not cut round stock on the bandsaw.
8. Stock must be supported against the downward thrust of the blade. The toe of the bevel should be flat on the table.
9. If the blade breaks or comes off the wheels immediately shut off the power, stand clear, let the machine coast to a complete stop, and do not open the wheel guards.
10. Do not reach around a moving bandsaw blade.
11. Never try to clean off the bandsaw table with your hands when the saw is running. If scraps and/or cut stock need to be cleared away, use a piece of scrap material at least 10 inches long to remove stock away from the moving blade.
12. Any operation which requires a special set-up must be approved by the instructor prior to the start of the operation.

## Parts

