



# SAFETY CLIPS

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## Table Saw Inspection

**Items to inspect:** ( ✓ = okay x = correction needed)

- ( ) Housekeeping around saw
- ( ) Set up on dry/level/stable surface
- ( ) Guards in place
- ( ) Abrasions, cuts, splices in power cord
- ( ) Set up away from heavy traffic areas
- ( ) Power cord connectors in good condition
- ( ) Employees trained to operate table saw
- ( ) Unattended saw turned off and unplugged
- ( ) Kick back area clear of traffic
- ( ) Fire extinguisher readily available
- ( ) Personal protective equipment readily available and good condition
- ( ) GFCI circuit inspected daily (new construction)
- ( ) Check for trip, slip or fall hazards around saw
- ( ) Indoor operation has proper ventilation or filtration system
- ( ) Table saw inspected for serviceability – Unfit saw red tagged and taken out of operation

### Unsafe activity to watch for:

- ( ) Not using personal protective equipment
- ( ) Allowing scrap and debris to build up
- ( ) Wearing loose jewelry
- ( ) Operating saw without formal training
- ( ) Working too large of stock without help
- ( ) Pushing material through rather than feeding material through saw blade
- ( ) Not using push stick or push block when feeding material close to blade
- ( ) Operating saw on unstable platform
- ( ) Not containing or controlling long hair
- ( ) Not maintaining a safety zone around saw
- ( ) Operating saw within 'kick back' zone
- ( ) Not using table extension for long boards

### Other safety issues noted:

### Corrective Actions Taken:

Inspector: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_





## Table Saw Safety

- Only trained employees are to operate table saw
- Use personal protective equipment (hearing & eye protection)
- Wear proper work clothing
- Inspect the table saw before operating
- Disconnect power before changing blades or inspecting blade
- Never operate table saw while standing on unstable platform/ground
- Do not stand in 'kick back' zone
- Keep your hand and body parts away from the blade (use push stick/block)
- Do not crowd the saw – a blade in good condition will cut stock with little effort
- Maintain good housekeeping around the saw and work platform
- Do not wear loose jewelry and contain long hair
- Get help with long stock or heavy stock
- Use table extensions when stock requires
- Do not operate saw if under the influence of drugs or alcohol or if fatigued
- Red tag equipment if unsafe or not working properly and report it to supervisor/foreman
- Check GFCI circuit daily when using temporary electrical feeds

### Post Training Questions:

- Why do you have to be formally trained to operate a table saw?
- Why should a table saw be disconnected before changing a blade?
- Is it okay to have a helper hold on to stock being fed rather than using a table extension?
- What personal protective equipment should be worn while operating a table saw?

### Safety Recommendations by Employees:

### Employees in Attendance:

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Instructor name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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