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## **USE OF HAND-HELD POWER CIRCULAR SAWS**

### **General**

This type of power hand tool is one of the most commonly used in construction. Because of this common use there are numerous accidents due to thoughtless acts.

The following are the minimum accepted practices to be used with this saw.

1. Approved safety equipment such as safety glasses or a face shield are to be worn.
2. Where harmful vapours or dusts are created, approved breathing protection is to be used.
3. The proper sharp blade designed for the work to be done must be selected and used.
4. The power supply must be disconnected before making any adjustments to the saw or changing the blade.
5. Before the saw is set down be sure the retracting guard has fully returned to its down position.
6. Both hands must be used to hold the saw while ripping.
7. Maintenance is to be done according to the manufacturer's specifications.
8. Ensure all cords are clear of the cutting area before starting to cut.
9. Before cutting, check the stock for foreign objects or any other obstruction which could cause the saw to "kick back".
10. When ripping, make sure the stock is held securely in place. Use a wedge to keep the stock from closing and causing the saw to bind.