

SAFE WORK PRACTICES DECK SAW/QUICKIE SAW

**This information does not take precedence over OH&S. All employees should be familiar with the Saskatchewan Employment Act and the OH&S Regulations.*

General: Deck saws/quickie saws are used for many jobs. Since this tool was primarily meant for use in the metal industry, it can be an unfamiliar tool to some workers.

1. Know your tool. Learn the operation, application and limitations as well as the specific and potential hazards of the tool before operating it. Refer to the operating manual if necessary. Have someone with experience assist you before using the tool on your own.
2. Wear adequate PPE, and keep observers at a safe distance from the work area.
3. Fuelling of the saw must be done in a well ventilated area and not while the saw is running or hot.
4. An approved safety container must be used to contain the fuel used along with a proper spout or funnel for pouring.
5. The correct methods of starting, holding, carrying, or storage and use of the saw as directed by the manufacturer must be used.
6. Ensure that the brake is functioning properly and adequately stops the wheel.
7. When carrying/transporting a deck saw/quickie saw the bar guard must be in place, the wheel bar must be toward the back and the motor must be shut off.
8. The deck saw/quickie saw must not be used for cutting above shoulder height.
9. Ensure proper blade for deck saw/quickie saw is being used and that it is in proper working order.
10. Operator must be aware of his/her surroundings.

Deck saws/quickie saws will comply with CSA standards Z62.1-M-77.