

SAFE WORK PRACTICES HAND SAWS

**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: Saws are made in various shapes and sizes and for many uses. Use the correct saw for the job.

1. Wear safety glasses or a face shield.
2. Choose a saw handle that keeps your wrist in a natural position in the horizontal plane.
3. Select the correct blade for material being cut.
4. Secure blade with the teeth pointing forward.
5. Keeps blade with the teeth pointing forward.
6. Start cut carefully and slowly to prevent blade from jumping. Pull upward until blade bites. Start with partial cut, then set saw at proper angle.
7. Use strong, steady strokes directed away from you. Use entire length of blade in each cutting stroke.
8. Apply pressure on the down stroke only.
9. Hold material being cut firmly in place.
10. Cut harder materials more slowly than soft materials.
11. Use a helper, a supporting bench or a vise to support long material if required.
12. Keep teeth and blades properly set.
13. Protect teeth of saw when not in use.
14. Keep saw blades clean.
15. Maintain good housekeeping in your work area.