Band Saw Safety Rules

1) Check the blade tension and tracking before starting.

2) Don’t cut stock that is not flat on the bottom without a jig.

3) Keep a balanced stance at the band saw.

4) Never clear small pieces while the blade is moving.

5) Never use your thumbs to push toward the blade.

6) Never back out of a curve cut while the machine is running.

7) The teeth of the band saw blade should point down toward the table.

8) The blade should be 1/32” from the rear roller bearing behind the blade.

9) The blade alignment tracking should be at the center of the wheels.

10) Make sure that the upper and lower wheel guard doors are closed when running.

11) Keep the blade guard & guide only 1/4” above your stock.

12) Keep bystanders away from the right hand area of the saw. Broken blades have a tendency to fly out to the right.

13) Always keep your fingers and hands away from the path of the blade.

14) To control the stock, use push sticks, feather boards, or any other safety device when cutting small or short stock.

15) Use a “V” block when cutting cylindrical stock.

16) Cut at a moderate feed rate into the blade. Do not force a cut.

17) Cut relief cuts prior to cutting long or tight curves. The relief cuts will free the blade of the tension of the tight curve and the wood will fall away. The blade size will dictate the radius of the cut.

18) If you need to back out of a cut, shut the machine off, after blade stops, and then back out.

19) If a blade breaks, shut the machine off and stand clear until everything stops.

20) If the work is too large for one person to handle, get help holding the stock.
21) When cutting with the table at an angle, clamp a block to the table to prevent your stock from slipping off the table.

22) Always disconnect the power before changing the blade or performing any other maintenance operation.

23) Turn off the band saw and wait until comes to a complete stop. Never stick an object into the blade to stop the machine quicker.