Sliding Compound Mitre Saw

The following safety rules are specific to the Sliding Compound Mitre Saw and are to be followed along with the General Shop and Personal Dress safety rules.

Follow these simple safety tips when cutting with a mitre saw:

1) All guards must be in place and operating. If a guard seems slow to return to its normal position or hangs up, adjust it or repair it immediately.
2) Unplug or lock out power to the miter saw when making repairs or adjusting blades and guards.
3) Hands and fingers must be kept clear of the blade by at least 6 inches.
4) Clean the lower guard frequently to help with visibility and movement.
5) Use only the recommended blade size.
6) Regularly check and tighten the blade and the blade-attachment mechanism.
7) Ensure that the blade and its related washers and fasteners are correctly positioned and secured on the saw's arbor.
8) To avoid losing control or placing hands in the blade path, hold or clamp all material securely against the fence when cutting.
9) Do not perform operations freehand.
10) Never cut small pieces.
11) Long material should be supported at the same height as the saw table.
12) To avoid contact with a coasting blade, do not reach into the cutting area until the blade comes to a full stop.
13) After completing a cut, release the trigger switch and allow the blade to come to a complete stop and then raise the blade from the work piece. If the moving blade stays in the cutting area after cutting is complete, injury can result from accidental contact.
14) When using a sliding mitre saw, start cutting with the blade closest to you, plunge downward, and then push the blade forward on its sliders as you cut.