

A Safe Workplace

A Workplace Safety and Health Manual for Your Community

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PPE Required: Safety glasses or face shield, hearing protection, steel-toe boots

Warning: Do not wear gloves or loose clothing or rolled up sleeves
Remove all jewelry
Disconnect the power before repairing or servicing
Always wear eye and ear protection
Ensure cord is not in water and that the tool is grounded or double-insulated.

Steps:

1. Read and understand instruction manual before operating reciprocating saw.
2. Guards and guides should be in place and used at all times.
3. Ensure saw is unplugged.
4. Inspect saw. Ensure the blade is properly installed and sharp. Check wiring for damage.
5. Ensure the work area is free of debris and obstructions. Ensure there are no electrical wires or pipe near or behind the material to be cut.
6. Plug in and start the saw.
7. Begin cutting the material. Keep both hands firmly on the tool handles and use clamps to secure work.
8. Unplug the saw from the power source. Clear the work area of debris.