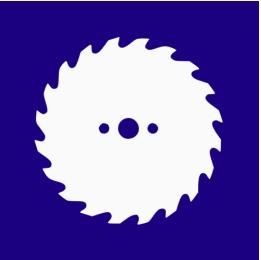


# Bandsaw Rules & Safety

If you suspect a machine is not operating properly, contact  
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## Machine Specific Safety Equipment

- Safety Glasses
- Ear plugs if extremely loud
- Hair Ties (and further hair restraints advisable)

## Hazards

- Work can be **EJECTED** forward from the cut
- Blades that catch can cause **KICKBACK**
- Blades are sharp and running at extremely high speed, presenting a serious **CUT HAZARD**

## Dos

- **Do** lower guard to just above height of your part
- **Do** use a fence or a guide for straight cutting
- **Do** mark a line to follow for sawing curves and outlines
- **Do** use push device for controlling workpiece into blade
- **Do** monitor cut ensuring blade is not flexing and item being cut is secure
- **Do** check the condition of the blade before using. If a crack is found, turn off the machine and notify a mentor

## Don'ts

- **Don't** exceed the recommended speeds for the type and size of blade being used or composition of the stock being cut
- **Don't** let fingers get too close to the saw blade
- **Don't** push too hard, let the tool do the work
- **Don't** cut unsecured ROUND material
- **Don't** back out of a cut while the blade is running