

Band Saw Safety Guidelines

1. The upper guide and guard should be set as close to the work as possible, at least within **1/4 inch**.
2. If the band breaks, immediately shut off the power and stand clear until the machine has stopped.
3. Examine blade before installing to see if it is cracked, do not install a cracked blade.
4. Use the proper pitch blade for the thickness of the material to be cut. There should be at least 2 teeth in the material when cutting aluminum, and three teeth when cutting steel.
5. **Check the speed table for the material that you are cutting.** Do not run the band saw too fast or the blade will wear out quickly.
6. If the saw stalls in a cut, turn the power off and reverse the blade by hand to free it.