**Sample General Safe Work Practice for Chop Saw**

For operation of the chop saw, face shield and safety glasses must be worn.

* Loose clothing, jewelry, or any dangling objects including long hair should not be worn as they may catch in the rotating parts of the saw. Hair must be contained.
* The maximum cut for the machine must not be exceeded.
* Ensure all adjustments are secure before making a cut.
* Use clamps to secure and support the work piece to a stable platform. Do not use a length stop on the free scrap end of a clamped work piece
* Do not cut more than one work piece at a time.
* Before turning on the saw, perform a dry run of the cutting operation to ensure that no problems will occur when the cut is made.
* 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. Unplug before adjusting or cleaning.
* Do not start the saw with the blade touching the work piece. Allow the blade to reach full speed before contacting the work piece.
* Avoid reaching over the saw line.
* Do not cross arms when cutting.
* Hands and fingers must be kept clear of the path in which the blade travels.
* When using the right hand to pull the saw down, keep the left hand, especially the thumb well clear of the line of cut.
* Clean the lower guar frequently to help visibility and movement. Unplug before adjusting and cleaning
* Use only the recommended RPM and sizes of blades.
* Regularly check and tighten the blade, be sure to lockout or unplug equipment
* When installing or changing a blade, ensure that the blade and its related washers and fasteners are correctly positioned and secured on the saws arbor.
* Long material should be supported at the same height as the saw table. 18. Use the brake if one is installed. To avoid contact with a coasting blade, do not reach into the cutting area until the blade has come to a complete stop.
* 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 blade stays in the cutting area after the cutting is complete, injury can result from accidental contact.