

JOB SAFETY ANALYSIS

Safety Information for the University of California, Berkeley

ASUC AUXILIARY

OPERATING A TABLE SAW

TASK	HAZARDS	CONTROLS
1. Position feeder out of the way for blade and fence adjustments.	Injury from blade while not in operation. Possible accidental starting.	Be aware of the switch and blade at all times.
2. Adjust fence.	Pinching/cutting fingers from fence adjustment.	Don't lift the fence during adjustment. Keep fingers out of moving parts.
3. Verify blade-to-fence distance with a measuring tape.	Cut hand.	Keep fingers away from the blade.
4. Adjust height and angle of blade.	Cut hand.	Keep fingers away from the blade. Suggest blade be 1/8" above stock.
5. Start the saw.	Projectiles for rotating blade.	Verify that there is no wood or other debris around the blade.
	Stock kickback.	Verify that the fence is parallel to the blade. Verify that the feeder has enough downward force to stop kickback. Don't watch the blade from the side of the saw.
	Eye injury.	Wear safety goggles or face shield.
	Hearing damage.	Wear earplugs or earmuffs.
Required Training: Operator must receive one hour of supervised training on the saw before operating the saw independently.	Required Personal Protective Equipment (PPE): Hearing and eye protection—goggles, shield, earplugs.	

Other Information:

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