

# JOB SAFETY ANALYSIS

Safety Information for the University of California, Berkeley

## FACILITIES SERVICES

### OPERATING A 12-INCH CHOP SAW

TASK	HAZARDS	CONTROLS
1. Check saw blade for sharpness, obstructions, properly functioning guard	Loose, obstructed, or dull blades or guards create pinching hazards	Adjust and tighten blades and guards Avoid contact with blade teeth.
2. Align materials flat on table and flush to the back of table	Pinching fingers or hand	Keep fingers and hands away from pinch points.
3. Start and operate saw.	Cutting fingers and hands	Keep fingers and hands away from blade.
	Flying sawdust	Wear safety glasses or face shield.
<b>Required Training:</b> 1. Operation of chop saw	<b>Required Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)</b> 1. Safety glasses 2. Face shield	

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