

### Reciprocating Saw Operation

<b>Facility:</b>	<b>Written By:</b>	<b>Approved By:</b>	<b>Date Created:</b>	<b>Date of Last Revision</b>

<b>Hazards Present:</b>	<b>PPE or Devices Required:</b>	<b>Additional Training Required:</b>
Exposed Blade-Cuts, Amputation	Hard Hat	
Electrical Shock	Eye Protection	
Noise	Hearing Protection	
Sawdust/Projectiles in Eyes	Safety Footwear	
Sawdust Inhaled (possible toxicity)	Gloves	
MSI- Multiple Hazards		
Sharp Edges/Hot Surfaces		

**Safe Work Procedure**

1. Read and understand the manual that accompanies your reciprocating saw.
2. Wear personal protective equipment before beginning the task. Inspect work area. Remove tripping hazards, garbage, cutoffs, etc. Ensure footing is stable and adequate physical support is available for out-of-position cuts. Lighting must be adequate.
3. Ensure the saw is unplugged or battery removed. Inspect the following for defects: saw blade, cord, switch, shoe. If defects are identified, tool is to be red tagged and locked out. Notify supervisor for maintenance. Only qualified personnel may perform maintenance.
4. Ensure correct blade is installed for material being cut.
5. Inspect material to be sawn for foreign objects; remove before proceeding.
6. Plug in and start the saw. Check correct tool function.
7. Keep both hands firmly on the tool. Only cut off small, manageable pieces; ask for assistance if larger pieces must be cut off.
8. Check for proper clearance behind the workpiece to ensure blade will not strike obstructions.
9. Make sure the blade is not contacting the workpiece as the tool is started.
10. Switch tool off and wait for the blade to come to a complete stop before removing the blade from the workpiece.
11. When finished, unplug the saw from the power source. Clear work area of debris.

***If an emergency situation occurs while conducting this task, or there is an equipment malfunction, engage the emergency stop and follow the lock out procedure***

**REPORT ANY HAZARDOUS SITUATIONS TO YOUR SUPERVISOR**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Guidance Documents/Standards:</b></p> <p>MB Workplace Safety &amp; Health Act &amp; Regulations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.1 Safe work procedures</li> <li>6.13(1) Eye and face protectors</li> <li>6.15(1) Respiratory Protective Equipment</li> <li>Part 8 Musculoskeletal Injuries</li> <li>Part 9 Working Alone</li> <li>12.4 Hearing Protection</li> <li>16.4 Machine and Tool Safety</li> <li>16.14 Lockout</li> <li>16.25(1) Hand Power Tools</li> </ul>	<p>This Safe Work Procedure will be reviewed any time the task, equipment or materials change and at a minimum of every three years</p> <hr/> <p>Reviewed By WSH Committee:</p>  <p>Date:</p>
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