Power saws are very useful tools to cut and shape all types of materials, but they can cause serious hand injuries. A power saw injury can range from minor to serious, depending on the width of the saw blade.

**Safety Precautions**

- Never use your hands to clear the scraps from a sawing worktable. Instead, use a push stick.
- Do not wear loose clothing, jewelry or work gloves. They may get caught in the blade.
- Use sharp blades. Dull blades cause binding, stalling and possible kickback.
- Never drink alcohol while using a saw.
- NEVER look away from your work for any reason.
- Use the correct blade for the application. Set it for the correct depth to minimize the amount of exposed blade.
- Never disable safety guards, and always read instructions first.
- When starting or stopping the saw, make sure the work is not touching the blade.
- Lower a table saw blade below the table top when finished.

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