

# A Safe Workplace

## A Workplace Safety and Health Manual for Your Community

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Subject: TSE-7	Operating a Table Saw	Approved By: Harvey Bostrom
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**PPE Required:** Safety glasses or face shield, hearing protection, steel-toe boots

**Warning:** Do not wear gloves, loose clothing or rolled up sleeves  
Remove all jewelry  
Disconnect the power before repairing or servicing  
Ensure that cord is not in water and that the tool is grounded or double-insulated.

### Steps:

1. Read and understand equipment manual before operating table saw.
2. Guards and guides must be in place and used at all times.
3. Ensure saw is unplugged.
4. Inspect saw. Ensure the blade is properly installed and sharp, check wiring for damage.
5. Ensure the work area is free of debris and obstructions.
6. Plug in saw and start motor. Observe blade for rotation and wobble.
7. Begin cutting material. **Keep hands away from blade.** Use push sticks and obtain assistance to handle large awkward sized materials.
8. Never walk around saw to pull material from the other end during the cutting operation.
9. Turn off the saw after material has completely passed through cutting area. Never stop blade while it is still in the material.
10. Unplug the saw from the power source. Clear the table and work area of debris before leaving the machine.