

# SAFETY RULES FOR CIRCULAR SAWS

1. **Always wear eye protection and proper work clothing; no loose or torn clothing or dangling jewelry.**
2. Visually **inspect** the saw and cord for defects.
  - a. Make sure the saw and cord are **properly grounded**.
  - b. Check to see that the retractable blade guard is functioning properly before connecting saw to power source (never tie back the blade guard).
  - c. Make certain the base and angle adjustment wing nuts are tight.
  - d. Replace dull or damaged blades.
3. Make all adjustments with the power off and with the saw disconnected from the power supply.
4. Make sure that the material to be cut is **firmly supported** and free of obstructions.
5. Adjust the depth of cut to the thickness of the stock, plus approximately  $\frac{1}{8}$ ". **Never check the depth by feeling for the blade.**
6. Keep the electrical cord clear of operation.
7. Always place the saw base on the stock with the blade clear before turning on the switch.
8. Maintain a **firm grip** on the saw at all times.
9. **Never force the saw** through the material.
10. **Never reach underneath** the material being cut.
11. After completing the cut, release the switch.
12. Do not lower the tool by its cord.

