



## **CIRCULAR SAW SAFETY RULES**

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The circular saw, also referred to as a skill saw, is used to crosscut, rip, and bevel cut. The operator adjusts the saw to the proper cutting depth and pushes the tool through the wood. The following rules must be followed when using a circular saw:



- When it is necessary to raise the guard for certain types of cuts, use the guard lever.
- Never wedge, wire, or otherwise jam the guard to prevent it from working.
- Whenever possible, objects being cut should be laid flat and stabilized by clamps.
- Never attempt to hold a piece of wood in the air while cutting with the other hand.
- Adjust the depth of the cut 1/8" greater than material thickness.
- Ensure correct blade is being used (based on material being cut) and the blade tightness has been checked.
- Always begin operating blade before making contact with material to be cut.
- Inspect for and remove all nails from lumber before cutting.