*Safe Work Practices* Using Band Saws

**Hazards:** Saw blade, loud noise, dust and debris

**Equipment:** Band saw

**Personal protective equipment:** Dust mask, goggles, hearing protection

**Training required:** On-the-job training or past experience with the equipment, read the equipment manual

**Legal requirements:** N/A

# Safe work practices

* Keep the work area clean and well lit.
* Stay alert, pay attention to what you are doing, and use common sense when using any power tool.
* Avoid accidental starting. Be sure the power switch is off before plugging in the saw.
* Secure the work piece to a stable platform using clamps or another effective method.
* Do not force the saw. Consider whether you are using the correct tool for the task.
* Turn off the saw and disconnect the plug from the power source before making any adjustments.