Toolbox Talk
Table and Crosscut Saws

What?

- A table saw will help you make accurate and precise cuts on wood, they make three types of cuts: crosscut, ripping cut and a dado cut
- A Crosscut Saw is used for cutting wood across the grain

Why?

- Table saws are designed to improve accuracy, save time and reduce the effort needed to make a straight cut
- Crosscut saws have the ability to both angle the arm and tilt the saw head for compound angle cutting
- Serious injuries will occur when guards have been removed or standard safety advice is ignored
- If you need to make adjustments, turn off the blade and wait until it comes to a full stop

Do ☑

- ☑ Before starting work, Inspect the saw blade for missing teeth and cracks
- ☑ Ensure you have been trained and read the manufacturer`s instructions before use
- ☑ Make sure you are familiar with the safety precautions
- ☑ Ensure you are wearing no loose clothing
- ☑ Where PPE as instructed
- ☑ Ensure work area is clean and tidy
- ☑ Disconnect the power before changing the blade
- ☑ Adjust the Blade Height
- ☑ Always keep your hands warm
- ☑ Never reach, maintain a proper stance
- ☑ Allow the saw to reach full speed before cutting
- ☑ Set / Adjust guards to suit the particular job
- ☑ Turn on the dust extraction system
- ☑ Use push sticks to keeps fingers away from saw blade
- ☑ Keep the saw blades sharp and use the right type

Don't ☒

- ☒ Leave the equipment while it is running.
- ☒ Use the equipment without the dust extraction system running
- ☒ Place your fingers anywhere near the cutting position
- ☒ Use the equipment with the blade to high
- ☒ Use the equipment without the correct PPE
- ☒ Cut freehand
- ☒ Use the fence and mitre gauge together
- ☒ Use a pusher on the wrong side of the cut
- ☒ Attempt to remove jammed material with the blade running
- ☒ Reach across the saw table
- ☒ Tamper with or remove any safety guard attached to the saw, they are there to protect you and should stay there
- ☒ Start to cut until the saw blade is at full speed
- ☒ Start the saw with the blade engaged