DO NOT use this machine unless an instructor has instructed you in its safe use/operation and has given permission.

Safety glasses must be worn at all times in work areas.

Appropriate footwear with substantial uppers must be worn.

Rings and jewellery must not be worn.

Long and loose hair must be contained or constrained.

Close fitting, protective clothing or a workshop apron is encouraged.

Hearing protection and a dusk mask may be required.

**PRE-OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS**

1. Check workspaces and walkways to ensure no slip/trip hazards are present.
2. Check that all safety guards are in position and are operational.
3. Ensure you are familiar with the operation of the ON/OFF starter and E-Stop.
4. Keep table and work area clear of all tools, off-cut timber and sawdust.
5. Start the dust extraction unit before using the machine.
6. Faulty equipment must not be used. Immediately report suspect equipment.

**OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS**

*Keep hands well clear of the blade – ‘the hand hazard zone’*

1. The workpiece must be held firmly against a fence.
2. Allow the saw blade to obtain maximum speed before making a cut.
3. Operate the saw with the left hand where possible.
4. Avoid reaching over the saw line. Do not cross arms when cutting.
5. When using the right hand to pull the saw across, keep the left hand, especially the thumb well clear of the line of cut.
6. NEVER attempt to cut round stock (dowel) or rip-cut timber along the grain.
7. Return the cutting head to the rear of the table after each cross cut.
8. The maximum cut for the machine must not be exceeded.
9. When cutting bowed timber place the bow against the table to avoid the saw binding.
10. Before making adjustments switch off and bring the machine to a complete standstill.

**HOUSEKEEPING**

1. Switch off the saw and reset all guards to a fully closed position.
2. Leave the machine in a safe, clean and tidy state.

**POTENTIAL HAZARDS**

- Saw may grab and ‘kick-back’ toward operator
- Contact with rotating blade
- Hair or clothing entanglement in moving machine parts
- Eye injuries

Date of last review ____________________ Signature ____________________