

Black Park Shed Safety Precautions

Large band saw

1. **Wear safety glasses or goggles.** Hearing protection is advised.
2. **Make sure that the front cover is properly closed** and the castors are locked.
3. **Adjust blade guard height** to about 3 mm. above the top of the material being cut.
4. **Keep the floor around a band saw clean** and free of obstructions or clutter.
5. **Ensure the blade is tracking correctly** and runs freely in and against the upper and lower guide rollers.
6. **Ensure the blade is under proper tension.**
7. **Hold stock firmly and flat on the table** to prevent the stock from turning and drawing your fingers against the blade. Keep hands braced against the table.
8. **Use a push stick when you remove cut pieces from between the fence and saw blade or when your hands are close to the blade.** Keep your hands at least 100mm from the blade. Keep your hands on either side of the blade - not in line with the cutting line and the blade.
9. **Make relief cuts before tight curves** when doing intricate scroll-type work.
10. **Do not use excessive force** when pushing the wood past the blade.
11. **Do not back the stock away from the blade** while the saw is in motion if the work piece binds or pinches on the blade.
12. **Do not stop a band saw by thrusting stock against the cutting edge** or the side of a blade immediately after the power has been shut off. The machine has substantial inertia and the blade keeps moving for some time after power off.
13. **Do not leave a saw running unattended.** Turn off the power and make sure the machine has stopped running before leaving the area.