

# SAFETY RULES

# BAND SAW

The purpose of the band saw is to **CUT OUT SHAPES** in wood/plastic

- 1) Eye protection must be worn while operating the Band Saw.
- 2) Complete attention must be directed toward work being done, **NO TALKING**.
- 3) Position hands on the material being cut so they are **NOT IN FRONT** of the blade.
- 4) Fingers should never be closer than 50 mm (2 inches) to the blade.
- 5) **NEVER** clear the table with your hands, use a piece of scrap wood or a brush.
- 6) Lower the blade guard to the table after you have finished making the cuts and the blade has come to a complete stop.
- 7) Make all adjustments to the machine before you start the machine. Adjust the top blade guide approximately 6 mm (1/4 inch) above the material to be cut **BEFORE** starting the saw.
- 8) Cutting **Round Stock** can be dangerous on the Band Saw because it may spin when it contacts the blade. Use the special Doweling jig for this operation.
- 9) Make sure the blade has come to a **FULL STOP** before leaving the Band saw.
- 10) Occasionally the saw blade will break while the machine is in use. If this should occur, shut off the machine and notify the instructor immediately.
- 11) Never back out of a long or curved cut, turn the power off.
- 12) Use **RELIEF CUTS** when cutting sharp curves or irregular shapes.
- 13) Make all cuts on the **waste-side of the line**
- 14) Do NOT stand to the right side of the band saw. If the blade breaks it could hit you.

