

# SafetyToolboxTalks

## BRIESER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY SITE SAFETY MEETING - TOOL BOX TALK



### Portable Saw Safety

Whether here or at home it is important to remember these safety tips when using a portable power saw:

- Always wear eye protection. Chips from material can fly into your face, or the blade can break.
- Avoid loose clothing, jewelry and anything that could get caught in the saw. Tie back long hair.
- Oil needs to be checked on a regular basis.
- Use both hands on the saw and make sure you are in full control of it. Avoid cutting above shoulder height.
- Always make sure you are using the proper blade for the material you are cutting.
- Make sure the work-piece is secure before cutting. Never hold a work-piece in your hand or across your lap.
- Don't overreach. Keep a stable footing.
- Double-insulated saws do not require a three-wire grounding cord and the user is protected in the event of an electrical short.
- Always unplug the tool before changing blades.
- Beware of kickback when using a circular saw, which is when the blade becomes pinched and the saw lifts up out of the Work-piece and toward the user. To prevent kickback, make sure the blade is sharp and clean; do not let it overheat; support large panels so they will not pinch the blade; beware of knots or sap in the wood and never remove the blade from the material while it is cutting. Release the switch immediately if the saw stalls or binds.
- Always make sure the cord is out of the way and not in the line of the cut.
- Do not leave plugged-in tools unattended, especially if there are children nearby.



