

Safety Dos and Don'ts

Thicknessing on the Planer

- DON'T !** ...place your hand under the shield and force the stock through the Planer.
...try to thickness stock with dull Planer knives.
...attempt to plane stock under 12" in length.
...set your depth-of-cut to remove too much stock at once.
...position your body in *The Danger Zone* during thicknessing operations.
...work without wearing proper safety equipment.
- DO** ...keep your hands outside the shield and allow the Planer to pull the stock through.
...keep your planer knives sharp at all times.
...be sure your stock is at least 12" long when planing.
...plan to keep your depth-of-cut under 3/32" during each pass.
...keep your body to the right of the table & out of *The Danger Zone* at all times.
...wear eye protection, hearing protectors and a dust mask during planing.

Cutting a dado on a long piece of stock

- DON'T !** ...position your hands too close to the blades when making your cut.
...cut your dado without your stock being sufficiently supported during the cut.
...attempt to make a cut with dull blades.
...wear jewelry when working with power tools.
...work with power tools without wearing eye protection.
...make a table saw cut at super-slow speeds.
...position your body in a direct line with the saw blades during a cut.
- DO** ...keep your hands at least 3" away from the blades at all times.
...use your Miter Gauge (with an extension) and an Extension Table for support..
...keep your Dado Blades sharp at all times.
...remove all jewelry before working with any power tool.
...wear eye protection at all times.
...operate your machine at the recommended speed.
...keep your body to the left of the blades in the event of a kick-back.

Edging with stock on the Jointer

- DON'T !** ...position your hands over the Jointer cutterhead at any time.
...use your Jointer with the Guard removed.
...push a wide piece of stock through the Jointer without adequate support.
...position your body in *The Danger Zone* behind your workpiece.
...operate your Jointer with dull knives.
...work without adequate eye protection.
- DO** ...use Push Blocks to guide your stock through the cut at all times.
...always work with the Jointer Guard in place, as designed.
...use an Auxiliary Fence or shop-made version of same for added support when Jointing wide stock.
...keep your body to the side and out of *The Danger Zone* at all times.
...be sure your Jointer Knives are sharp before working with this machine.
...wear adequate eye protection at all times.

Belt Sanding

DON'T !

- ...work without a dust mask and adequate eye protection.
- ...work on the Belt Sander without proper workpiece support.
- ...stand in *The Danger Zone* during belt sanding operations.
- ...use a Belt Sander without making provisions for proper dust collection.
- ...sand stock with a clogged belt.

DO

- ...wear a dust mask and proper eye protection at all times
- ...use the Belt Sander's Table to provide adequate workpiece support when sanding.
- ...stand off to the side of *The Danger Zone* to avoid dangerous kick-backs.
- ...use a proper dust collection hook-up if at all possible during Belt Sanding operations to avoid the inhalation of excessive sanding dust.
- ...use an Abrasive Cleaning Stick to clean your Sanding Belt frequently – or replace it when clogged for maximum performance.