Circular saw benches and dimension/panel saws are used to rip timber to size using a rip fence.

Dimension/panel saws can also be used to cut material to length using a cross-cut fence.

**Note: For ALL machines**

A push-stick MUST be available to feed the last 300 mm of a cut and remove the cut piece and off-cut. Push-sticks should be at least 450 mm long with a ‘bird’s mouth’. A second push-stick may be required for certain jobs.

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**The circular saw MUST be braked and stop within 10 seconds**

To prevent kickback, the top guard MUST be fitted to dust extraction. Adjust the top guard so that it is as close as possible to the material being cut. The top guard MUST be fitted to dust extraction.

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**Always**

Use the correct manual handling techniques and lifting aids for large sheets, and use the correct PPE.

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**Remember**

Saws cause the most accidents in woodworking.

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HSE’s website [www.hse.gov.uk/woodworking.htm](http://www.hse.gov.uk/woodworking.htm) has more information on saws including Woodwork Information Sheet 16 Circular saw benches – Safe working practices.