WAC 296-806-48012  Safeguard hand-fed circular table saws.  (1) You must guard each hand-fed circular saw with a hood that completely encloses both the portion of the saw that is above both:
   (a) The table; and
   (b) The material being cut.
(2) You must make sure the hood is designed and constructed to do all of the following:
   (a) Protect the operator from flying splinters and broken saw teeth.
   (b) Strong enough to resist damage from reasonable operation, adjustments, and handling.
   (c) Made of material soft enough to not break saw teeth.

Note:  Hoods should be made of material that:
1. Does not shatter when broken.
2. Is not explosive.
3. Is less combustible than wood.
(3) You must mount the hood so it does all of the following:
   (a) Operates positively and reliably.
   (b) Maintains true alignment with the saw.
   (c) Resists any side thrust or force that could throw it out of line.
(4) You must make sure the hood:
   (a) Allows the material to be inserted or sawed without any considerable resistance; and
   (b) Does one of the following:
      (i) Automatically remains in contact with the material being cut;
      or
      (ii) Is manually adjusted to within one-quarter inch of the material being cut.

EXEMPTION:  Saws may be guarded with a fixed enclosure, fixed barrier guard, or a manually adjusted guard when specific conditions prevent using a standard automatic adjusting guard. Alternative guards have to both:
1. Provide protection equivalent to a standard automatic adjusting guard; and
2. Be used according to the manufacturer's instructions with sufficient supervision to comply with this requirement.

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