WAC 296-806-48042  Make sure band saws meet these requirements.

1. You must enclose or guard all portions of the blade except for the working portion of the blade between the guide rolls and the table.

2. You must make sure the guard for the portion of the blade between the sliding guide and the wheel guard meets these requirements:
   (a) Protects the front and outer side of the blade.
   (b) Is self-adjusting to move with the guide.
   (c) Adjusts so the gap between the guide rolls and stock is as small as is practical.

3. You must fully enclose band saw wheels with wheel guards that meet both of the following requirements:
   (a) The outside periphery of the wheel enclosure is solid; and
   (b) The front and back of the wheels are enclosed by solid material, wire mesh, or perforated metal.

4. You must make sure the material used for wheel guards meets these requirements:
   (a) Wire mesh and perforated metal guards:
      (i) Are at least 0.037 inch (U.S. Gage No. 20) thick.
      (ii) Have openings in them that are three-eighths inch or less.
   (b) Solid material has strength and firmness equivalent to a wire mesh or perforated steel guard.

5. You must make sure band saws have a tension control device to indicate the proper tension for standard saws used on the machine.

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