

**WAC 296-307-20505 What requirements apply to guarding portable powered tools?** (1) All portable, power-driven circular saws with a blade diameter greater than 2 inches must have guards above and below the base plate or shoe.

(a) The upper guard must cover the saw to the depth of the teeth, except for the minimum arc required to permit the base to be tilted for bevel cuts.

(b) The lower guard must cover the saw to the depth of the teeth, except for the minimum arc required to allow proper retraction and contact with the work.

(c) When the tool is withdrawn from the work, the lower guard must automatically and instantly return to covering position.

(2) Portable belt sanding machines must have guards at each nip point where the sanding belt runs onto a pulley. These guards must prevent the hands or fingers of the operator from coming in contact with the nip points. The unused run of the sanding belt must be guarded against accidental contact.

(3) Portable electric powered tools must meet the electrical requirements of chapter 296-307 WAC Part T.

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