

Narrow Bandsaw Safety Checklist

Risks to your employees can be reduced to a minimum by confirming the elements within the below checklist.

For support, please contact the Health, Safety and Welfare Team by e-mailing: safetyadvice@gov.im

Training		
	Yes	No
Have all operators being thoroughly trained?		
Can they demonstrate competence on all operations undertaken on the machine?		
Are suitable training records kept?		
Have personal hearing protectors been provided where necessary?		
Are employees monitored to ensure their correct use?		
Have you introduced appropriate health surveillance to monitor for the effects of inhaling wood dust?		
Comments:		
Environment		
Is the machine securely fixed to the floor?		
Is the area around the bandsaw kept clean and tidy?		
Is there sufficient working space around the bandsaw?		
Are there an adequate number of workpiece supports available?		
Is the lighting adequate around the machine with no strong shadows being cast?		
Has a noise assessment been undertaken and appropriate engineering controls installed?		
Comments:		
Safety Measures		
Have risk assessments been undertaken in respect of all foreseeable operations that will be carried out on the machine?		
Are machines CE or UKCA marked (not required for pre-1995 machines)?		



Is the blade enclosed by a substantial guard?		
Are these guards interlocked with the machine drive?		
Is an adjustable guard provided that encloses the blade between the top pulley enclose and the table?		
Does it enclose the blade on all four sides?		
Is this guard self-locking or able to be locked in position?		
Is the machine fitted with automatic braking (operating in less than 10 seconds) after run down?		
Are guide blocks, fences and push sticks, jigs and templates readily available to use?		
Is the machine fitted with suitable local exhaust ventilation (LEV) to remove wood dust?		
Are there a variety of saw blades available suitable for all the tasks to be undertaken?		
Comments:		
Maintenance		
Is the LEV subject to thorough examination and testing by a competent person at least every 14 months?		
Do you keep records of the examinations for a minimum of 5 years?		
Is the blade regularly re-tensioned and re-tracked?		
Is the machine regularly cleaned in a manner that reduces the generation of dust?		
Is the bandsaw maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's guidelines?		
Comments:		

