

Technologies - No.51 Hand Fed Table Band Saw (List additional hazards, risks and controls particular to your school using the blank template no.69)

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Contact with blade		Amputation	H	The top blade guard should be adjusted to the lowest position possible to ensure the blade is guarded to the maximum possible extent				
			H	The remainder of the blade should be enclosed with a guard removable only with the use of a tool or alternatively be fitted with an interlocking guard mechanism				
			H	The stop control is more prominent than the start control to facilitate ease and speed of access when it is necessary to turn off the machine				
			H	Machine is fitted with an emergency stop control (usually red domed mushroom type head on yellow housing) in an appropriate location, which is easily accessible in an emergency				
			H	The flap type emergency stop control (flap-stop is a normal start and stop contact, which is equipped with a yellow flap and red mushroom-type push buttons, covering both the start and stop contacts) is not acceptable where there is a need for an emergency stop				
			H	In the event of power supply interruption, automatic restart is prevented after restoration of the power supply				
Kick back		Injuries resulting from kick back i.e. laceration	H	Saw blade should be good condition and has full set of teeth				
Contact with drive mechanism		Contact with transmission belts, pulleys or motor	H	Ensure fixed guard is in place on transmission and motor				

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Direct contact with moving parts - general hazards		Injuries due to contact with moving parts e.g. laceration, amputation, bruising, fracture and burns	H	Before use a visual check should be carried out to ensure where applicable all guards and covers are fitted, in good order and there are no visible faults				
			H	Tools are used in compliance with manufacturers instructions				
			M	Operators manual is available where required				
			H	Dangling jewellery prohibited				
			H	Long hair is tied back				
Contact by persons other than the operator with moving machinery		Entanglement, lacerations, amputation of body parts	H	Safe operational areas should be marked out clearly around machines				
Electric shock, electrocution, burns, death		Electric shock/ fire/burns	H	Visual check carried out prior to use				
			H	Machines are serviced by a competent person and service records kept as part of the maintenance schedule				
			H	Defective electrical equipment shall be clearly identified, labelled as out of use and stored separately to prevent accidental use. Ensure all faults are recorded in log book. Ensure any previous faults have received attention. Report defects to person in control of workplace to ensure all items are repaired or replaced				
			H	The operation of the RCD is checked by pressing the test button regularly and the RCD is tested periodically by a competent person to ensure that it operates at correct leakage current (leakage current not exceeding 30 mA in a time of not more than 0.3 seconds)				
			H	All fixed tools are secured properly				
			H	Ensure cables are free from damage, do not have any non-standard joints or show any signs of overheating				
			H	Ensure equipment is disconnected or isolated when not in use				

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Unsupervised use of machines		Unsupervised use leading to injury	H	Pupils are prohibited from using certain machinery				
			H	Pupils are supervised by teacher when using any machine				
			H	Pupils are instructed by teacher before using any machine				
			H	Machinery to be used by teachers only should be clearly identified				
Unsecured machine / unsecured work piece		Movement of machine/ workpiece leading to injury during use	H	Machine securely fixed to the floor or bench and appropriate clamps/jigs in place to ensure that work pieces are secured, where applicable				
Noise		Hearing damage	M	See 'General School Risk Assessments - No. 26 Noise'				
Inadequate signage		Inadequate information and warnings leading to unsafe use of machine and injury	M	Warning signs are prominently located and maintained in good condition				
Flying fragments		Eye/facial injury	H	Appropriate eye protection is worn				

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Dust		Dust inhalation	H	Machine is fitted to a suitable dust extraction device system when in use, e.g. local extraction unit or central extraction unit				
		Respiratory problems	H	Exposure to all wood dusts (hard and soft woods) is strictly controlled i.e. dust levels are kept well below the relevant occupational exposure limit values (OELVs) ^[1]				
		Eye irritation						
		Respiratory protective equipment (RPE) is used during change of filter bag e.g. CE marked disposable filtering face piece respirators FFP1 or FFP2						
		Appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) is available, e.g. overalls, eye protection etc.						
Housekeeping is maintained to a high standard to ensure control of any residual dust								
Ingestion of contaminated material		Poisoning or ill health	M	Food and drink are prohibited in working area				
Contact with hazardous materials		Exposure to hazardous materials	M	Personal hygiene is promoted (washing of hands, use of barrier creams etc.)				

¹ See 2010 Code of Practice for the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Chemical Agents) Regulations 2001 (S.I. No. 619 of 2001)

If there is one or more **High Risk (H)** actions needed, then the risk of injury could be high and immediate action should be taken. **Medium Risk (M)** actions should be dealt with as soon as possible. **Low Risk (L)** actions should be dealt with as soon as practicable.

Risk Assessment carried out by: _____

Date: / /