

# AGC Tool Box Safety Talk

## CIRCULAR SAWS

### INTRODUCTION

1. Review any accidents or “near accidents” from the past week.
2. Describe the hazards of the work as they relate to your project. Explain or show the SAFE way of doing the job.
3. Give the TOOL BOX SAFETY TALK

Serious injuries can result from the use of portable and stationary power saws. The greatest hazard is that the operator risks contact with a turning blade. Accidents may occur if the operator is inexperienced, improperly trained or if the blade is not properly guarded.

- Be sure that portable circular saws have an upper guard that covers the entire blade of the saw and a retractable lower guard.
- Make sure hand-held circular, reciprocating, saber, scroll, and jig saws are equipped with a constant-pressure control switch.
- When using a hand-held saw, direct the blade away from the aisle and any people who are in close proximity to the saw.
- Use the proper blade for the material being cut.
- Maintain sharp blades.
- Always wear eye, face and hearing protection.
- Avoid loose-fitting clothes, jewelry and long hair that might become entangled in a power tool.
- Always use GFCI protection with electric corded powered circular saws.

