# **Bandsaw Rules & Safety**

If you suspect a machine is not operating properly, contact

maker.help@uconn.edu immediately!



# **Machine Specific Safety Equipment**

- Safety Glasses
- Ear plugs if extremely loud
- Hair Ties (and further hair restraints advisable)

#### **Hazards**

- Work can be EJECTED forward from the cut
- Blades that catch can cause KICKBACK
- Blades are sharp and running at extremely high speed, presenting a serious CUT HAZARD

### Dos

- Do lower guard to just above height of your part
- Do use a fence or a guide for straight cutting
- Do mark a line to follow for sawing curves and outlines
- Do use push device for controlling workpiece into blade
- Do monitor cut ensuring blade is not flexing and item being cut is secure
- Do check the condition of the blade before using. If a crack is found, turn off the machine and notify a mentor

## **Don'ts**

- Don't exceed the recommended speeds for the type and size of blade being used or composition of the stock being cut
- Don't let fingers get too close to the saw blade
- Don't push too hard, let the tool do the work
- Don't cut unsecured ROUND material
- Don't back out of a cut while the blade is running