Using the Table Saw

- Wear the proper safety equipment. At a minimum, you must wear safety glasses. Optional equipment: ear plugs/muffs, face shield.
- Do NOT work alone.
- Verify that there are no obstructions on the table that may get caught in the blade.
- Verify that the blade guard is in place; if it is not, please put it in place or if it cannot be done let a technician know immediately.
- Verify that the saw is plugged in. If not, please plug it in.
- Make sure the green light near the ON/OFF switch is on. If both the red and green lights are on wait until the red light goes out before proceeding. If the red light does not go out, let a technician know IMMEDIATELY.
- DO NOT CUT WET or CONDUCTIVE materials. If you are not sure, ask a technician BEFORE proceeding. Test your materials first by touching them to the blade with the saw off. If there is a red light by the power button when the material touches the blade, Stop! Cutting with the red light on WILL trigger the safety stop.
- Set the blade to the proper height for your material. When properly set, you should have about ½ a saw tooth showing above the material at the blades’ apex.
- Set any angles that need to be cut and verify that they are correct.
- Set the fence to the desired width.
- Power up the saw by pulling the bottom of the red button towards you. You will feel and hear a noticeable ‘click’ as the saw turns on.
- Make your cut. Be sure to use a push stick (the orange tool located on the fence).
- Power down the saw by pressing the red button.
- Clean up any debris and dispose of any scrap materials.
- Turn off lights and close the shop door. Make sure the door is locked. If not, let a technician know immediately.