

# Using the Compound Miter Saw

- Wear the proper safety equipment. At a minimum, you must wear safety glasses and ear plugs/muffs.
- **Do NOT work alone.**
- Clear the workspace of any objects not to be cut.
- Set any angles that need to be cut and verify that they are correct. Make sure that all settings are fully locked in position before making any cuts.
- Verify that the saw is plugged in. If not, plug it in.
- Set the supports to hold any material that is overhanging the main cutting surface. Be sure that it will be supported and not move after the cut has been made.
- Make sure the wood is properly held in place and that any clamps are outside the path of the blade.
- With both hands away from the path of the blade, and with the blade away from the wood, start the saw. Never have your arms crossed when making a cut.
- **BE AWARE THAT CUTTING SMALL PIECES CAN RESULT IN FLYING DEBRIS**
- Make your cut. Push the blade down fully before pushing the slide in and through the wood.
- Wait for the blade to come to a complete stop.
- When you are finished making the cuts you need, clean up any debris, sweep up all sawdust, 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.