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Safety Instructions and Job Hazard Analysis: Table Saw

Job/Task Step	Hazard	Hazard Control Method/PPE
Inspect Equipment/PPE Check/Buddy System		 Don all required PPE for use of the Table Saw. Approved Safety Glasses with side shields, Long Pants, and Closed Toe Shoes. Wear a face shield when cutting material that can shatter (e.g. acrylic plastic) Consider using Ear Plugs for noise reduction Additional foot protection is required when working with heavy parts and pieces. Tuck in shirt, no loose fitting clothing or jewelry. Long hair must be pulled back or tucked into a hat. Ensure guard is in place over the blade prior to beginning. Ensure that a push stick is readily available on the saw table. Connect the dust collection hose, and ensure that a vacuum is present to remove debris while cutting. Ensure area is clear in front of the saw to prevent Slip/Trip/Fall hazards. Work with the supervisor of the Space to review operation and ensure all risks have been addressed.
Place material (wood or plastic only) onto the table in preparation for cut	Muscle Strains, Pinch Points, Abrasion/Laceration	 Use proper lifting technique while placing material onto the table. Ask for help if the material is heavy or awkward in shape. Be aware of hand and body placement and pinch points. Wear gloves, closed toe shoes, and long pants to prevent from injury while lifting material on to the table.

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		 Ensure that the ventilation system is on and functions correctly prior to turning on the saw.
Turn on the saw and push the material towards the blade	Abrasions/Lacerations, Noise Hazards, Flying Debris, Inhalation, Muscle Strain	 Be aware of the cutting action and ensure guard is working properly. Move material slowly while being cut to prevent "kick back". Keep hands and other body parts away from the cutting area. Use a "push stick" if stretching is necessary to complete the cut Consider ear plugs, as noise levels will rise once the cut begins. Saw dust may become airborne during this process. Wear safety glasses. Ensure the ventilation system is functioning correctly. Do not bend or stretch awkwardly to prevent muscle strains. Use a "push stick" or an assistant on the opposite side of the table to help with the cut. If the material is too large/heavy, once it's cut, height can shift causing "kick back". Use a roller support All people using and/or assisting on the table saw must wear a face shield along with all other required PPE when cutting material that can shatter.
Turn off the saw and remove cut pieces of material.	Muscle Strains, Pinch Points, Abrasion/Laceration	 Blade will not stop immediately. Wait for the blade to stop prior to moving forward. Use proper lifting technique while removing material from the table. Ask for help if the material is heavy or awkward in shape. Be aware of hand and body placement and

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		 pinch points. Wear safety glasses, closed toe shoes, and long pants to prevent from injury while removing material from the table. If the material has sharp edges or splinters, wear leather gloves for hand protection.
Clean up the area.	Muscle Strains, Pinch Points, Abrasion/Laceration	 Disconnect the dust hose and turn off the vacuum system. Use proper lifting technique while picking up the area. Be aware of pinch points and sharp materials. Wear safety glasses while sweeping the floor and the table to prevent eye injury.

In case of malfunction: If the tool does not perform as anticipated, or makes an unfamiliar sound, or creates any safety concerns: IMMEDIATELY notify a Maker Ninja and ask them to Lockout and Tag out the tool until a follow-up inspection can be completed.

