

Title of Training	Partner Saw Training	
Equipment Info.	Make/Type/Size/Model	Partner
Material Needed	Operators Manual	Partner Saw

## INTRODUCTION:

Portable gas fired saws, called “Partner Saws” in the construction industry, offer many uses for cutting masonry, concrete, stone and asphalt products. Serious cuts, burns and other injuries such as strains can be an unwanted outcome of untrained or inexperienced workers using this equipment.



## HAZARDS TO WATCH FOR:

- User should not have loose fitting clothing, jewelry, or unsecured long hair.
- Ensure that blade guards are in place and functioning before starting.
- Do not drop start the saw. Always start saw placed on ground, secured at back of handle with foot, keep one hand on top of handle and pull starter cord with other hand, keeping blade isolated.
- When stopping saw, always let blade stop turning before placing on ground to prevent hopping or crawling.
- Always carry saw with power turned off.
- Do not cut above chest or below feet.
- Be aware of sparks and the potential for fires. Keep combustibles and fuels away from work area.
- Always let the saw cool before refueling.
- Dry cutting creates dust that may contain silica, use wet methods whenever possible and be aware of wind direction for better ventilation.

## SAFE PROCEDURES:

- Read owner’s manual before first use.
- Check blade securement and “ring test” before each use.
- Before beginning cut, ensure legs are out of way, secure hold of handle for leverage and gently start cut.
- Utilize personal protective equipment such as hearing protection, safety glasses and face shield, respirator and work boots.
- Always isolate making the cuts away from other workers to reduce dust exposures.
- Be aware of carbon monoxide exposures when performing cuts in confined areas such as trenches. When possible, make cuts where pipe can be moved easily.
- Always be aware of the potential for kick-back or binding of the saw blade.
- Obtain a wide stance, firm grip, and focus on the cut!

## IN CONCLUSION:

Partner saws are a very useful tool, but only if we use them safely. Remember to follow the safety procedures we just talked about.

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