

**WAC 296-806-48038 Guard swing saws.**

**Important:**

This section applies to swing saws mounted above the table.

(1) You must provide saws with a hood that encloses **all** of the following:

- (a) Upper half of the saw.
- (b) Arbor end.
- (c) Point of operation in all positions of the saw.

(2) You must make sure the hood protects operators from flying splinters and broken saw teeth.

(3) You must make sure the lower blade guard will automatically cover the lower portion of the blade by dropping on top of and remaining in contact with the table or the material being cut.

**EXEMPTION:** Saws may be guarded with a fixed enclosure, fixed barrier guard, or a manually adjusted guard when specific conditions prevent using a standard, automatic adjusting guard. Alternative guards have to:

1. Provide protection equivalent to a standard automatic adjusting guard; and
2. Be used according to the manufacturer's instructions with sufficient supervision to meet this requirement.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, 49.17.040, 49.17.050, 49.17.060. WSR 15-24-102, § 296-806-48038, filed 12/1/15, effective 1/5/16; WSR 04-14-028, § 296-806-48038, filed 6/29/04, effective 1/1/05.]