Miter Saw Safety

Instructional Video:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kFs-30mFU1A

Safety Instructions:

1. Always wear eye protection when using the miter saw.

2. Use clamps to support workpiece whenever possible. If supporting the workpiece by hand, you must always keep hand outside of “No Hand” area that is marked in yellow. Never feed the workpiece into the blade or cut freehand in any way.

3. Do not use this saw to cut pieces that are too small to be securely clamped, or that require your hand be placed in the “No Hand” area near the blade. When cutting small or irregularly shaped pieces first attach the workpiece to a jig/fixture.

4. Do not reach in back of the saw blade behind the fence with either hand to hold down or support the workpiece, remove wood scraps, or for any other reason.

5. Never cross your hand over intended line of cutting. Supporting the workpiece “cross-handed” i.e. holding the left side of the workpiece with your right hand is very dangerous.

6. Always disconnect the power cord from the power source before making any adjustments or attaching any accessories.

7. Only use the miter saw to cut wood or wood-like materials.

8. Inspect your workpiece before cutting. If workpiece is bowed or warped, clamp it with the outside bowed face toward the fence. Always make certain that there is no gap between the workpiece, fence and table along the line of cut. Also, make sure there are no nails or foreign objects in the workpiece.

9. Do not use the saw until the table is clear of all tools, wood scraps, etc., except the workpiece.

10. Cut only one piece at a time.

11. Provide adequate support accessories such as tables; saw horses, table extensions, etc. for workpieces wider or longer than the table top.

12. Let the blade reach full speed before contacting the workpiece.

13. If the workpiece or blade becomes jammed or bogged down, turn miter saw “OFF” by releasing the switch.

14. After finishing the cut, release the switch, hold the saw arm down and
wait for blade to stop before removing work or cutoff piece.

15. Turn on the dust collection system and close all gates, except that for the miter saw.