

PROGRAM DIRECTIVE

Program Directive A-107
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SUBJECT: Guarding: Woodworking Machinery

**AFFECTED CODES/
DIRECTIVES:** OAR 437-02-1910.213(d)(1) and 1910.213(g)(1), Machinery and Machine
Guarding

PURPOSE: To provide guidance in the application of 1910.213 (d)(1) and
1910.213(g)(1) by specifying the degree of violation for manually adjusted
guards for hand-fed rip saws and swing cutoff saws.

BACKGROUND: This directive was developed to inform field personnel of the alternate
methods of meeting the intent of 1910.213(d)(1) and 1910.213(g)(1) to
eliminate employee exposure to point of operation hazards.

ACTION:

- A. In those instances where fixed enclosures, fixed barrier guards, or
manually adjusted guards are used that provide protection
equivalent to the protection of automatically adjusted guards,
thereby preventing employee exposure to the saw blade, no citation
shall be issued.
- B. Accordingly, when a fixed enclosure, fixed barrier, or manually
adjusted guard is used instead of an automatic guard, it shall be
considered minimal. That is, provided the guards are used in
accordance with manufacturer's instructions and under sufficient
supervision to ensure consistent compliance with these
instructions.

**EFFECTIVE
DATE:** This directive is effective immediately and will remain in effect until
cancelled or superseded.