NORTHERN COUNTIES SAFETY GROUP LIMITED

Safety Training & Services to the Construction Industry

**Safe Use of Circular Saw**

 Only *trained and authorized* employees

to use this machine as per ACOP L114

**Safe Use Procedures**

* Cutting material to width using rip fence
* Cutting timber to length using the cross cut fence
* Cutting angles using approved guards
* A push stick MUST be available and used at all times
* Blade is to be sharp, of correct size, secure and correctly adjusted
* The gap between saw guard and top of component to be no more than 12mm
* The gap between the front edge of the riving knife and blade must be set as close as possible and within 8mm
* This machine must not be left running unattended
* Use braking devices at all times when stopping the machine
* Ensure the working area around the machine is kept clear at all times
* Correct use of Personal Protective Equipment at all times
* Use of correct Manual Handling techniques at all times

**Machine Maintenance and Cleaning**

* Employees must not clean the machine whilst still in motion
* Ensure that all maintenance is carried out following the machine manufacturer’s instructions

**Limitations**

* Rebating and grooving should be carried out on a Vertical Spindle Moulder