NORTHERN COUNTIES SAFETY GROUP LIMITED

Safety Training & Services to the Construction Industry

**Safe Use of Narrow Bandsaw**

Only *trained and authorised* employees to use this machine as per ACOP L114

**Safe Use Procedures**

Use this machine for cutting straight and shaped components

* Ensure the blade is sharp, correctly tensioned and of the correct size for the component
* Where appropriate use a push stick
* Fit and properly adjust all guards and safety devices before starting the machine, in particular the saw guides
* Report any defects immediately to your supervisor
* Do not leave the machine unattended whilst the blade is in motion
* Always use the braking device to stop the machine/blade
* Ensure the working area is well illuminated and is kept clean, clear and tidy
* Use all Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) provided by your employer (e.g. hearing defenders etc)
* Ensure safe Manual Handling techniques are applied at all times

**Machine Maintenance and Cleaning**

* Do not remove off-cuts, clean the machine or adjust guards whilst the blade is in motion
* Maintain the machine in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions