

## Appendix A

# How To Use The Circular Saw

In this section you will learn exactly what the title implies, how to use a circular saw. Hopefully you are reading this before attempting any cuts and not after (only if you haven't any experience, of course).

The basics are pretty much covered in the manual that came with your saw. I suggest you read the manual if you haven't already. This section is to familiarize you with some key points that you will apply when cutting timbers.

**The one point that I will stress that is *not* in your manual is...**

**“USE COMMON SENSE”.**

**The second point I will stress that *is* in your manual is...**

**“USE EYE PROTECTION”.**

The beauty of the first point is, if you use what the first point tells you to use (common sense) then you won't need to hear about the second point because your common sense will tell you to put on eye protection. After all, you do want to *see* the finished product don't you?

## **Cutting Station**

You need to establish a cutting station where you will be making your cuts. Sometimes you will have the liberty of a nice hard driveway to use as your cutting station and sometimes you will be just working in the grass. Either is just fine. You will follow the same guidelines for each.

Lay out 3, 4, 5 or more timbers perpendicular to the piece you will be cutting. You will use these pieces as support for the piece that is being cut. It is nice to have a support piece on each side of the cut line and as close to the cut line as is comfortable. This way