

OSH INFORMATION MEMORANDUM 78-X-30

TO: All OSH Directors, Supervisors and Field Personnel

FROM: William M. Lybrand, Director of OSH

SUBJECT: Use of Chains as Lower Blade Guards on Radial Saws

DATE: October 13, 1978

Through a discussion with appropriate OSH Directors and Supervisors, a decision was made allowing the use of chains for guarding the lower portion of blades on radial saws under the following conditions:

1. For 10-inch diameter blades or smaller, a number 60 chain is required.
2. For 12-inch to 24-inch diameter blades, a number 80 chain is required.
3. For blades with a larger than 24-inch diameter, chains cannot be used as guards.
4. Chains as specified may be used on radial saws only.

For any further clarifications, contact your supervisor or the Standards Section.