What should I know about using a hacksaw?

- Select correct blade for material being cut.
- Secure blade with the teeth pointing forward. Tighten the nut until the blade is under tension.
- Keep blade rigid, and frame properly aligned.
- Cut using steady strokes, directed away from you.
- Use entire length of blade in each cutting stroke.
- Use light machine oil on the blade to keep it from overheating and breaking.

- Cut harder materials more slowly than soft materials.
- Clamp thin, flat pieces requiring edge cutting.
- Keep saw blades clean and lightly oiled.
- Do not apply too much pressure on the blade as the blade may break.
- Do not twist when applying pressure.
- Do not use when the blade becomes loose in the frame.