The saber saw is a hand-held reciprocating saw used for making curved cuts in wood. It utilizes a reciprocating cutting implement, usually a toothed blade. The following must be followed when using a saber saw:

- Do not modify machine to cut without the safety devices.
- Do not operate with guide shoe removed.
- Always hold the saw with two hands.
- Always use the correct blade for the material being cut.
- Unplug tool when you need to change the cutting blade.
- Lower speed is recommended for most metal cutting, while higher speeds are recommended for wood.
- The variable speed is controlled by and increase or decrease in pressure on the on/off switch.
- The shoe serves as a rest while making a cut and should be placed flat against the material being cut.