

# INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

**Q** If I get a patent on my product, does that mean I can sell my product without worrying about being sued for patent infringement?

**A** No. A patent does not give you the right to make, use or sell your invention without concern of infringing the patent rights of others. A patent grants the *right to exclude others* from making, using, offering for sale, selling, or importing your invention. Suppose you obtain a patent on a new type of laminate surface for table tops. If you begin manufacturing a table that includes your patented laminate top, you may still be accused of infringing a patent owned by another for the table itself. Consult an experienced patent attorney to help you launch your new product in the marketplace.

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