

Hand and Power Tools Safety



Review the following hand and power tool safety tips with your employees.

Toolbox Tips

- Never use unsafe, damaged or self-repaired hand or power tools.
- Remove damaged hand or power tools from service and clearly mark them “out of service.”
- Always maintain the operator’s manual for all hand and power tools.
- Use the right hand or power tool for the job to prevent injuries or unnecessary damage.
- If the correct tool for the job is not available, please contact your supervisor to request the proper tool.
- Never disable safety devices on any hand or power tools.
- Always wear personal protective equipment as recommended by the operator’s manual.
- Electric tools must be grounded or double insulated.
- Use a ground fault interrupter when using electric tools to protect employees from electric shock.
- Ensure air lines, power and extension cords do not create trip or slip hazards.
- Always survey work areas for power lines and verify that hand and power tools cannot swing into power lines.
- Keep hand and power tool storage organized and clean.
- Keep walking paths clear of hand and power tools.

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