



Tool Safety

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Tool Hazards are one of two types:

- ❶ Power source for the tool (electricity, hydraulics)
- ❷ Dangers from the tool's action (cutting, drilling)



Hand Tool Hazards



- Using a screwdriver as a chisel
- Using tools with loose, splintered, or cracked handles
- Use tools with mushroomed heads
- Using tools with dull cutting surfaces

Hand Tool Safety

- Learn how to use all tools at your jobsite
- Know the hazards of each tool you use
- Use proper personal protective equipment (glasses, gloves, and aprons)

Power Tool Precautions

- Never carry a tool by the cord
- Never yank the cord to disconnect it from the power source
- Keep cords and hoses away from heat, oil, and sharp edges
- Disconnect tools when not in use
- Disconnect tools before servicing
- Secure work with clamps or a vise
- Do not try to hold "work" with your hand
- Do not use damaged electric tools, remove from the jobsite and tag "Do Not Use"
- Be sure that electric tools have a 3-wire cord with a ground
- Do not use electric tools in a damp or wet environment

