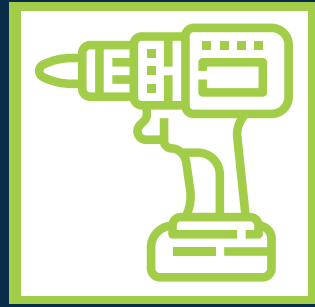


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Power Tools

Power tools are tools that have some sort of power source and are grouped in the following: electric, pneumatic, liquid fuel, powder-actuated, and hydraulic. The greatest hazards posed by power tools result from misuse and removal of safety guards/switches.

Hazards of Power Tools

Workers should be able to recognize the hazards associated with the different types of tools and the safety precautions necessary. Prior to using any type of tool, employees should be trained in the proper use and care of each tool. Along with proper training, if employees are exposed to hazards such as flying/falling objects, abrasives, or harmful dusts/fumes, they will need to be provided the proper personal protective equipment (PPE) to use with the tools.

Five basic safety rules that can help prevent hazards associated with the use of power tools are:

1. Use the right tool for the right job
2. Examine each tool for damage before use and do not use damaged tools
3. Operate tools according to the manufacturers' instructions
4. Provide and use the right personal protective equipment (PPE)
5. Keep all tools in good condition with regular maintenance

Some tips to remember when working with power tools:

- Read and understand manufacturer's instructions regarding care, maintenance, and lubrication
- Inspect the tool before each use. Make sure all cords are not frayed, exposed, or missing ground prongs
- Never carry the tool by the cord, hose, or power source
- Never yank the cord to disconnect from receptacle
- Secure work with clamps or a vise to operate power tool with both hands
- Maintain proper footing and balance when operating tools
- Disconnect tools when not in use and before servicing, cleaning, and maintaining
- Wear proper apparel. No loose clothing or jewelry that could get caught in moving parts
- Remove all damaged tools from use and tag them as 'Do Not Use'

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Take Home Point:

Both employers and employees have a responsibility to ensure safety while operating power tools. Make sure to follow manufacturer's guidelines, use the right tool for the right job, maintain and inspect the tool before each use, ensure the workplace is safe, and wear the appropriate PPE.

Date: _____

Safety Leader: _____

Crew Members:

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