



Respect the Tool. Prevent the Injury.

FY 2026 claims data highlights tool-related injuries as a key safety concern. This week, focus on inspecting tools, choosing the right equipment, and using every tool safely and correctly.

Hand Tool Safety

Hand and power tools are used every day, but improper use or maintenance can lead to serious injuries. Taking a few simple precautions can prevent accidents and keep everyone safe.

Common Tool Hazards:

- Cuts, punctures, and crushing injuries
- Eye and face injuries from flying debris
- Electrical shock from damaged cords or improper grounding
- Strains, sprains, and vibration-related injuries
- Injuries caused by missing guards or improper tool use

Before You Begin:

- ✓ Inspect tools for damage, loose parts, or worn cords
- ✓ Verify guards and safety devices are in place
- ✓ Wear appropriate PPE, including safety glasses
- ✓ Ensure the work area is clean and free of trip hazards

Safe Work Practices:

- Follow manufacturer instructions and training requirements
- Never bypass guards or safety features
- Maintain proper footing and balance during operation
- Keep hands and fingers away from moving parts
- Unplug tools before changing accessories or performing maintenance
- Never carry a tool by its cord

If You See a Hazard:

INSPECT. MAINTAIN. REMOVE.

Keep tools clean, sharp, and in good working condition. Defective tools must be tagged out and removed from service immediately.

Remember:

Choose the right tool. Inspect before use. Wear proper PPE. Never bypass guards. If a tool isn't safe, don't use it.

OSHA Subpart P (29 CFR 1910.242-244) requires tools to be maintained in safe condition, used properly, and operated only by trained personnel.

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