

POWER TOOL SAFETY

Power tools can help make your project go more quickly and smoothly. Power tools can also make a project more dangerous. Always use the right tool for the job. Using the wrong tool can add to your risk of injury.



Below are some ways to protect yourself when using power tools:

- Become familiar with the tool before using it. Read the manufacturer's instructions carefully before using the tool.
- Keep power tools properly stored and in good condition.
- Provide adequate lighting for yourself, as it is important that you see what you are working on.
- Practice good housekeeping. Keeping the area you work in clean not only keeps your tools working properly, but also helps you to find blades and other small parts that you may drop.
- Dress properly and wear the right personal protective equipment. Never wear rings, hanging jewelry or loose clothing when operating a power tool.
- Wear safety glasses or goggles to protect your eyes from flying particles.
- Electrical tools should be "double-insulated" by three wire cords with the ground wire connected, and/or by use of a ground fault circuit interrupter. Avoid working with electrical power tools in damp or wet areas.
- Never carry power tools by the cord. Also, never unplug a power tool by pulling on the cord. Cracked, frayed, or damaged cords can cause serious shock or electrocution. Replace the cord immediately.
- Always turn off the tool and unplug it before changing accessories or cleaning and repairing it.
- Never carry a plugged-in tool with your finger on the trigger or switch button.

What is the most important safety rule of all? Read the safety manual that is included with the tool. It contains all product-specific safety information as well as general safety tips the user needs to know.