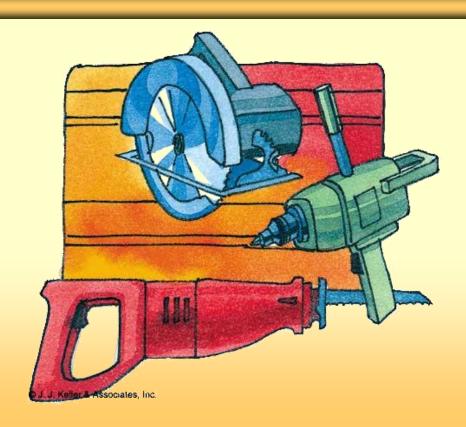
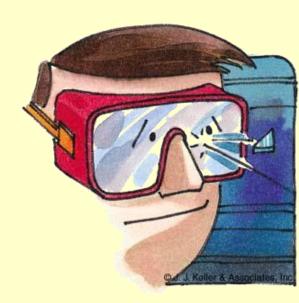
# Hand & Portable Powered Tools



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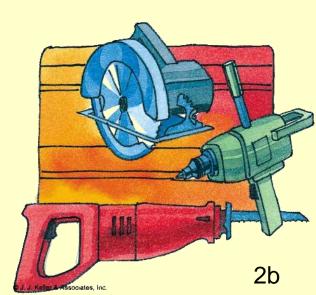
- Chiseling, filing, grinding, sawing generates chips that can get in your eyes
- If you're looking up to work overhead, any type of tool use could cause dust or debris to fall into your eyes

## Injuries caused by hand & portable powered tools

- Other serious injuries can result if the wrong type of tool is used
- \* Tool use in areas where there may be a flammable atmosphere requires the use of
  - non-sparking hand tools
  - specially rated electric power tools

Tools made from good quality, durable materials will help avoid injuries caused by tools breaking or slipping

- \* Metal tool parts should be strong enough to resist:
  - bending
  - cracking
  - chipping
  - excessive wear from normal use



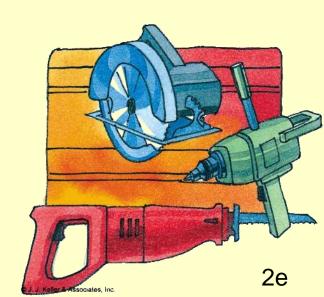
- Handles should be shaped to comfortably fit the hand
- Non-sparking hand tools are made of non-ferrous alloys to reduce the likelihood that they will cause a spark

Always use the appropriate blades, bits, fasteners with powered tools

\* Tools work best when you can easily hold, move,

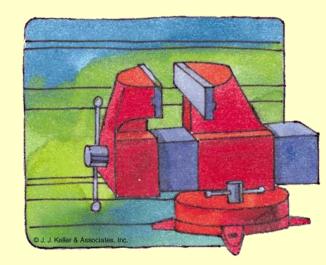
and use the tool

 Avoid using tools that are too heavy or large for you to control



### Job set-up

- You want to easily reach your work without:
  - straining muscles
  - applying force in awkward positions
  - bending, twisting
  - overextending your reach



### Job set-up

- Use a vise, clamps, or other means to secure the parts that you are working on
- While using the tool, take care that any chips or debris will be directed away from yourself and others

 Using personal protective equipment (PPE) should become a habit

\* Wear eye protection if there is a chance that chips, splashes, sparks, dust, or debris could get into your eyes

- \* Some examples of jobs where eye protection should be worn include using:
  - hammers
  - mallets
  - chisels
  - punches
  - bolt cutters

- Some examples of jobs where eye protection should be worn include using:
  - staple guns
  - drills
  - abrasive wheels
  - saws
  - any other tool that could create chips, pieces, or splashes

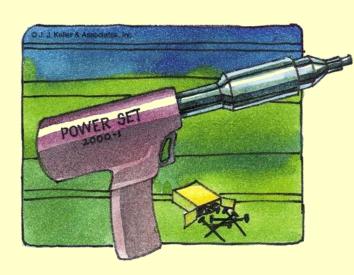
 Eye protection is required when using explosive actuated tools

You can protect yourself from cuts while handling knives by wearing cut-resistant gloves

- Another type of protective glove is made with a material that absorbs vibration and the shock of impacts
- Ear protection may be in order when using powered tools

Tool use may require the use of a respirator

 Tools should be inspected before and after each use



## Some signs of damage and wear to look for include:

- Cracked or loose handles, casings, or guards
- Bent shafts or spindles
- Worn, cut, brittle, or frayed cords and hoses

Loose or leaking fittings

 Dull, rounded, or chipped cutting surfaces

Gouges or scrapes on gripping surfaces

Mushroomed striking surfaces

## Tool maintenance and repair

 Portable tools should be kept clean

Maintain and repair tools before it's too late

Sharpen cutting edges regularly

## Tool maintenance and repair

- Follow a schedule to make sure tools get lubricated
- To prevent rust, lightly oil tools before putting them away
- \* Take damaged tools out of service immediately

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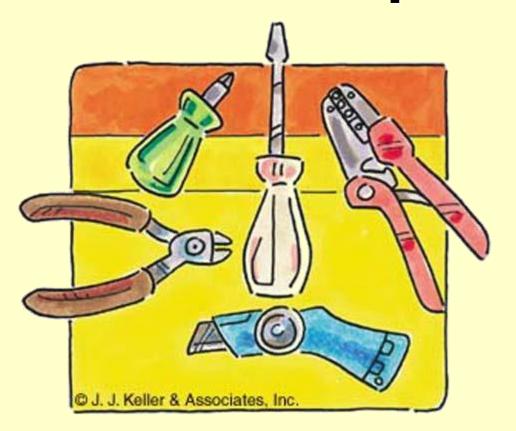
Only authorized employees should be allowed to repair tools

Some types of tools must meet the manufacturer's specifications after they've been repaired



- All repaired tools should be thoroughly inspected before they are put back into use
- Discard damaged tools that cannot be repaired
- Use tool boxes or tool chests to keep tools organized

#### \* Hand tools are non-powered



- The greatest hazards posed by hand tools result from misuse and improper maintenance:
- Using a screwdriver as a chisel may cause the tip of the screwdriver to break and fly, hitting the user or other employees

If a wooden handle on a tool is loose, splintered, or cracked, the head of the tool may fly off and strike the user or another worker

\*A wrench might slip if its jaws are sprung

Impact tools such as chisels, wedges, or drift pins are unsafe if they have mushroomed heads

- Types of hand tools include the following:
  - Hammers and Mallets
  - Pliers
  - Cutters
  - Wrenches

- Wood saws
- Hack saws
- Knives
- Screwdrivers

 Power tools can be hazardous when improperly used

- There are several types of power tools, based on the power source they use:
  - electric
  - pneumatic
  - liquid fuel
  - hydraulic
  - explosive-actuated



- Never carry a tool by the cord or hose
- Never yank the cord or the hose to disconnect it from the receptacle
- \* Keep cords and hoses away from heat, oil, and sharp edges

- \* Disconnect tools when not in use, before servicing, and when changing accessories
- \* Keep observers a safe distance away from the work area
- Avoid accidental starting

Tools should be maintained with care

 Be sure to keep good footing and maintain good balance

\* Wear proper apparel - loose clothing or jewelry can get caught in moving parts

All portable electric tools that are damaged are to be removed from use and tagged "Do Not Use."

#### Guards

 Hazardous moving parts of a power tool need to be safeguarded

#### Guards

- Guards protect the operator and others from the following:
  - Point of operation
  - In-running nip points
  - Rotating parts
  - Flying chips and sparks



#### Guards

Safety guards must never be removed when a tool is being used

## Safety switches

The following hand-held powered tools must be equipped with a constant-pressure switch or control. They may also be equipped with a "lock-on" control:

### Safety switches

- \* drillstappers
- \* fastener drivers
- horizontal, vertical and angle grinders with wheels larger than 2 inches in diameter
- disc sanders with discs larger than 2 inches

### Safety switches

- \* belt sanders
- reciprocating saws
- \* saber saws
- \* scroll saws
- \* jigsaws with blade shanks greater than 1/4 inch wide

# General precautions for electric power tools

- Operate electric tools within their design limitations
- Use gloves and appropriate safety footwear when using electric tools
- Store electric tools in a dry place when not in use

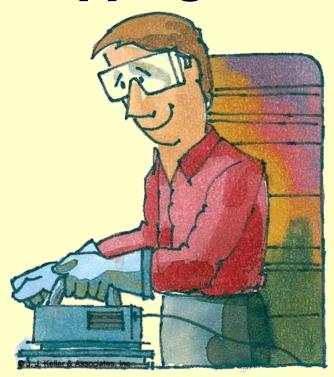
# General precautions for electric power tools

Do not use electric tools in damp or wet locations unless they are approved for that purpose

Keep work areas well-lit when operating electric tools

# General precautions for electric power tools

 Ensure that power cords do not present a tripping hazard



#### **Electrocution and shock**

Electric-powered tools can cause burns and slight shocks which can lead to injuries or even heart failure

Even a small amount of current can result in fibrillation of the heart and death

### **Electrocution and shock**

- \* To protect the user from shock, tools must either:
  - have a three-wire cord with ground and be plugged into a grounded receptacle
  - be double insulated
  - be powered by a low-voltage isolation transformer

Powered abrasive wheels create special safety problems because they may throw off flying fragments

- \* Before an abrasive wheel is mounted, it should be:
  - inspected closely

sound- or ring-tested



\* To test, wheels should be tapped gently with a light nonmetallic instrument

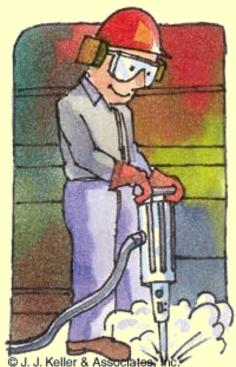
If they sound cracked or dead, they could fly apart in operation

A sound and undamaged wheel will give a clear metallic tone or "ring"

- Portable grinding tools need to be equipped with safety guards to protect workers from:
  - the moving wheel surface
  - flying fragments in case of breakage

- \* When using a powered grinder:
  - always use eye protection
  - turn off the power when not in use
  - never clamp a hand-held grinder in a vise

- Pneumatic tools are powered by compressed air and include:
  - chippers
  - drills
  - hammers
  - sanders



- The main danger in using pneumatic tools is the hazard of getting hit by:
  - one of the tool's attachments; or
  - a fastener being used with the tool

 Eye protection is required and face protection is recommended

Check to see that the tool is fastened securely to the hose – use a locking device

- Set up screens to protect nearby workers from being struck by flying fragments around:
  - chippers
  - riveting guns
  - staplers
  - air drills

Use hearing protection when working with noisy tools such as jackhammers

- Compressed air cannot be used for cleaning purposes unless:
  - the pressure is reduced to less than 30 p.s.i.
  - effective chip guarding is used
  - personal protective equipment is used

- Methods for pressure reduction include:
  - Reducing the air compressor pressure level
  - Fitting the air source with a relief device to release the air when the nozzle is dead-ended

- \* Methods for pressure reduction include:
  - Installing an air nozzle with holes that will reduce the air pressure to less than 30 p.s.i. when the nozzle is dead-ended

 Never point compressed air guns toward anyone

\* Never "dead-end" an air gun against yourself

Compressed air typically contains chips, oil particles, and other debris that can cause serious injuries to eyes, ears, and even intact skin

 Use a brush to remove dust and debris from clothing

\* Wearing disposable coveralls will also help keep employees' clothing clean during dusty jobs