Power Tool Safety

Safety Training Handout

Hazards of power tools include...

- Noise
- Electric Shock
- Amputation
- Chemical exposure
- Lacerations & Abrasions
- Eye Injury
- Dust & Mist

Use the right personal protection...

- Hearing Protection
- Hand Protection
- Clean safety glasses
- Face shield for grinding or chipping
- Respirator for dust & mists
- Foot protection for heavy work
- Anti-vibration gloves for tools that vibrate

Tool Safety Check... before you use

Bench & Floor tools securely mounted

Control switch not damaged

No exposed wires

Cords free from work area

Guards in place & adjusted

No Cracks or Breaks

Grinding wheels speed rating

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Grinding wheels speed rating

Grinder tool rest gap 1/8 inch

Ring test new grinder stones

Unplug before changing cutting tools

Power tools grounded or double insulated

Check electric cords for damage

Ensure bits and blades are sharp

Check hose connections for pneumatic tools

Operation Safety

- o Don't over-reach
- Keep others clear
- Pass tools handle first
- Don't use damaged tools
- Avoid awkward positions
- Use tool rest no free hand operations
- Stand to side of equipment when starting
- Cover all unused sharp blades & tools bits
- Dress wheels & sharpen cutters as needed
- Keep cords away from heat, oil, & sharp edges
- Keep hair, sleeves and jewelry out of work area
- Unplug before adjusting or changing accessories

Work Area Safety

- Well lighted
- Not in traffic area
- No slip or trip hazards
- No standing water
- Keep tools off the floor or ground
- Extension cords above waist level
- Don't block traffic areas with tools
- Boundary off work areas
- Minimize material & debris