

Hand Tools

Overview

Tools are such a common part of our everyday lives that it is difficult to remember that they may pose hazards. All tools are manufactured with safety in mind, but sometimes a serious accident occurs before steps can be taken to avoid or eliminate tool-related hazards.

How can I protect myself?

Choose tools made from good quality, professional/industrial grade durable materials. Metal tools must be able to resist bending, cracking, chipping or excessive wear.

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Wear the appropriate PPE. Wear eye protection if there is a chance that chips, sparks, or debris could get into your eyes.

Wear leather gloves to protect your hands from cuts from sharp tools or material edges.

Wear proper foot protection when using tools like mauls or sledgehammers.

Inspect tools before and after each use. Damage or wear to look for includes:

- cracked or loose handles.
- dull, rounded, or chipped cutting surfaces.
- mushroomed striking surfaces.
- damage to gripping surfaces.

What are the safety rules?

Prevent hazards from hand tools by following these rules.

- Keep tools in good condition with regular maintenance.
- Use the right tool for the job.
- Examine each tool for damage before and after using.
- Use the tool the way it is designed to be used.
- Use the correct PPE as provided