

Portable Power Tools

The very tool that makes their job easy and efficient may one day be the cause of a tragic accident. Remember these common-sense safety practices before using power tools:

- Never carry a tool by the cord.
- Never yank the cord to disconnect it from the receptacle.
- Keep cords away from heat, oil and sharp edges (including the cutting surface of a power saw or drill).
- Disconnect tools when not in use, before servicing and when changing accessories such as blades, bits, etc.
- Avoid accidental starting.
- Do not hold fingers on the switch button while carrying a plugged-in tool.
- Use gloves, safety footwear and all appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) when using electric tools.
- Store electric tools in a dry place when not in use.
- 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.
- Ensure that cords from electric tools do not present a tripping hazard.
- Remove damaged portable electric tools from use and tag them: "Do Not Use."
- Use double-insulated tools that comply with safety provisions of the National Electrical Code.