# **TOOLS HAND AND POWER GUIDELINES**

# Use the right tool for the right job.

# Common types of Hand Tools

- 1. Wrenches: open, pipe, socket
- 2. Impact: drift pins, chisels, wedges
- 3. Hammers
- 4. Screw drivers
- 5. Cutting: knives, axes, saws machetes
- 6. Shovels
- 7. Rakes
- 8. Hoes

# **Inspection and Use Guidelines**

- 1. Maintain in serviceable condition.
- 2. Check handles for cracks, splinters, and taped repairs.
- 3. Wear proper PPE.
- 4. Do not carry sharp-edged tools in pockets.
- 5. Keep sharp-edge tools sharp.
- 6. Cut away from body.

## Wrenches:

• Must not be used if sprung or worn to the point that slippage occurs.

## Impact:

• Keep free of mushroomed heads.

## Axes:

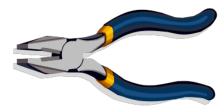
- Must be sharp.
- Check head for burrs or deep grooves.
- Head securely fastened to handle; when in doubt insert a wedge.
- Check handles for cracks, splinters, and taped repairs.

## Saws:

- Make sure saw body is straight.
- Inspect for sharpness and missing teeth.
- Check handles for cracks and that the blade is securely attached.
- Cut away from body.
- Do not cut on items held between the knees or legs.

## Shovels, Rakes and Hoes:

- Work carefully around others.
- Use proper posture to avoid back injury.





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# <u>General</u>

- 1. All rotating shafts, spindle, belts, fittings, and other projections must be guarded.
- 2. Machinery intended for stationary use must be secured from tipping over.

# **Common Types of Power Tools**

# Electric power operated tools, drills, saws, grinders

- 1. Must be double insulated or grounded.
- 2. Do not hoist or lower using the electric cords.
- 3. Inspect cords and connections; if damaged, have them replaced.
- 4. All power saws shall have guarding to protect the operator from contact with moving saw teeth.
- 5. Use retractable guards when possible.

# Pneumatic Power Tools

- 1. Secure tool hose by whip check.
- 2. Connections to be clipped.
- 3. Do not exceed the manufacturer's safe operating pressure.
- 4. All hoses exceeding <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" internal dimension (ID) shall have a safety device at the source of supple or branch line to reduce pressure in case of hose failure.
- 5. On nailers and staplers operating at over 100 psi, a safety device is required to prevent firing unless muzzle is in contact with work surface.
- 6. When cleaning with compressed air, 30 psi is maximum pressure and then only with personal protective equipment (PPE) and chip guarding.
- 7. Inspect all hoses and fittings; if damaged, have them replaced.



# **Abrasive Wheels**

- **1**. Guards must be in place.
- 2. Ring test prior to use.
- 3. Use safety glasses and face shield.
- 4. Must have safety guards that expose only the proper amount of wheel surface.

# Bench Grinders

- **1.** Tool rest with 1/8" of grinding wheel.
- 2. Tongue guard with <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" of grinding wheel.

Reference: WAC 298-207