

Power Tool Safety Rules

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- Always read, understand and *follow* the Instruction Manual before attempting to use any power tool in any way. Also read the nameplate information and *follow* the warning labels on the tool itself.
- *Always* wear safety goggles or safety glasses with side shields. Use a dust mask for dusty operations, and wear hearing protection if you'll be using the tool for an extended period of time
- Dress right, and remember that looks *don't* count. No loose-fitting clothing, no neckties, no jewelry, no dangling objects of any kind. Long hair must be tied back out of your way. Non-slip footwear is recommended.
- Never use power tools if you are tired, sick, distracted, or under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Make sure your work area is neat and clean and free of any debris that might get in your way or be ignited by hot tools, chips or sparks.
- Make sure your work area has plenty of bright, shadow-free light.
- Before you plug in any power tool, *make sure the power switch is off.*
- Be sure all appropriate guards are in place and working.
- Always turn off *and* unplug the tool, and/or remove the battery pack, if detachable, before you make any adjustments or change accessories.
- Never use any accessory except those specifically supplied or recommended by the manufacturer. They should be described in the tool's Instruction Manual.
- Never use power tools in wet or damp conditions.
- Never use a tool that is damaged or malfunctioning in any way.
- Need an extension cord? Make sure it's a heavy duty cord and don't use indoor rated cords outside.
- If the tool has a three-pronged plug, make sure you use a three-pronged extension cord plugged into a three-pronged outlet.
- Make sure cutters or blades are clean, sharp and securely in place. Never use bent, broken, or warped blades or cutters.
- Never overreach when using a power tool. Stay firmly planted on both feet.
- Never rush what you are doing. Always pay close attention. Don't let anything distract you. Think ahead!
- When using hand-held power tools, always keep a firm grip with both hands. Losing control creates a hazardous situation. Do not use any tool that is too heavy for you to easily control.
- Always use the right tool for the right job. No substitutions allowed!
- Always unplug, clean and store the tool in a safe, dry place when you are finished using it.