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Hand power tools are a common part of our everyday lives. However, these simple tools can be hazardous and have the potential for causing severe injuries. The nature of the injuries, include those caused by ground faults and possibility of electrocution. The employer is responsible for the safe condition of tools used by employees, but the employees have the responsibility for properly using and maintaining tools.

Points to Remember:

1. Use the right tool for the job and read the tools instruction manual.

2. Inspect all tools for damage before use for frayed cords and loose or broken switches.

3. Make sure that all safety guards are in place and function properly.

4. All power tools shall have a 3-prong plug or be double insulated.

5. Avoid using power tools in wet or damp locations.

6. Always utilize GFCI protection.

7. Verify that the tool is off before plugging in.

8. Disconnect power tools while servicing or storing.

9. Do not care or lift a tool by its cord.

10. Remove broken tools from the workplace and properly tag the tool "Out of Service" and notify the Field Manager