

# Toolbox Talk - 5.08.2023 - Hand Tool Safety



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## Hand Tool Safety Toolbox Talk

- Many people take hand tools for granted.
- It's important to use the appropriate tools for each job and to make sure that those tools are maintained in top condition.
- When your tools are taken care of properly, your tasks will be able to be completed more quickly and safely.



### Steps to prevent accidents when using hand tools:

- 1. Choose the right tool for the job:**
  - Screwdrivers: Correct size and tip of tip.
  - Wrenches: Correct type and correct length of handle.
  - Chisels: Correct type for the material being worked on.
  - Pry Bars: Correct size and style of tip.
  - Hammers: Correct size, style of head face, and type of claw.
- 2. Only use tools in good condition:**
  - All tools need to be clean and free of grease, oil, and dirt.
  - Make sure the tool head is tight and secure.
  - Screwdrivers: Square tips are not rounded or twisted.
  - Chisels: Cutting edges are sharp and square.
  - Wrenches: Open ends are not warped or bent.
  - Knife blades: Have sharp cutting edges.
  - Saw blades: Are sharp and do not have any missing teeth.
- 3. Use tools correctly:**
  - Only use tools for their intended purpose.
  - Be cautious with metal tools around power sources.
  - Pull wrenches, don't push.
  - Use the full handle, don't choke up on the handle.
  - Don't use cheater bars/pipes on handles.
  - Don't use a screwdriver as a pry bar.
  - Always cut away from yourself.
  - Rakes or hoe type tools are laid with the blade/teeth down to avoid kick up.

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