

Toolbox Talk - 5.08.2023 - Hand Tool Safety



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- 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.