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Your Hand Tool Safety Checklist

The top 4 hazards related to hand tools:

- Blows and cuts to the hands or other parts of the body.
- Eye injuries due to the projection of fragments or particles.
- Sprains due to very abrupt movements or strains.
- Electrical Contacts.

While working in construction, make sure you practice these 25 tips for basic hand tool safety!

1. ALWAYS WEAR EYE PROTECTION.
2. Wear the RIGHT SAFETY EQUIPMENT for the job.
3. Use tools that are the RIGHT SIZE & RIGHT TYPE for your job.
4. Follow the correct procedure for using EVERY tool.
5. Keep your cutting tools SHARP and in good condition.
6. DON'T work with OILY or GREASY hands.
7. Handle SHARP-EDGED and POINTED TOOLS with care.
8. Always carry pointed tools with the points and heavy ends DOWN.
9. SECURE all small work and short work with a vise or clamp.
10. NEVER carry tools in your pockets.
11. DON'T use tools that are LOOSE or CRACKED.
12. KEEP your punches & chisels in good condition. Mushroomed heads can chip & cause injuries.
13. DON'T use a file without a HANDLE.
14. DON'T pry or hammer with a FILE. It may shatter.
15. DON'T use screwdrivers as chisels or pry bars.
16. DON'T try to increase your leverage by using a "cheater" with a wrench. Wrenches need the right strength for their size and length.
17. AFTER USING A TOOL — clean it and return it to its proper storage place.
18. If anything breaks or malfunctions — report it to your supervisor AT ONCE.
19. Use the RIGHT TYPE of tools for the job.
20. NEVER place tools and materials where they hang on the edge of a bench.
21. Don't use tools for jobs they aren't supposed to handle.
22. Store tools and materials vertically, with the points and heavy end down.
23. Cut away from yourself when you use chisels and other edged tools.
24. DON'T FORCE screws; make sure you use the correct screw for the job.
25. Only use OFFICIAL, TESTED repair kits for your tools.

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