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## Power Tool Safety

In our daily lives, we often use power tools to accomplish tasks. We do this at work or at home, and we need to take some precautions each and every time.

First of all, ALWAYS WEAR SAFETY GLASSES WHEN USING ANY POWER TOOL. Other safety equipment may be needed as well, such as proper gloves, shoes, even hearing protection.

Other recommendations include:

- Be sure and follow the manufacturer's recommendations for using their tools and materials. Failure to do this often results in injury, or it can damage the tool.
- Dull tools are unsafe and can harm the work. Maintain your tools. Always work with sharp cutting blades. Dull drill bits can be sharpened, but this should be done properly. Drill bits are usually not so expensive that they cannot be replaced. A new bit is better and safer than an improperly sharpened one.
- Unplug power tools before loading them, changing blades or bits or making adjustments. This prevents an injury from an accidental startup.
- Never use any power tool in the rain. Water can conduct electricity and cause a potentially fatal electrical shock.
- Never alter or remove the blade guards on a power saw.
- Always wear proper clothing and safety equipment on the work site.
- Keep children away from the work area and power tools as well as away from harmful materials, adhesives and solvents.
- Keep a clean work site and don't let debris accumulate. A neat, clean work area is usually a safe one.



Take good care of your power tools and they will make your work much safer and easier.