Basic Rules for Portable Power Tools

Even small power tools can cause serious injury—on or off the job.

ALWAYS...

- Use your tool only for what it was designed to do.
- Know how to operate the tool before you try to use it.
- Inspect tools before each use and replace or repair if parts are worn or damaged.
- Make sure all nuts, bolts and other moveable parts are tightened before using the tool.
- Before plugging in or unplugging tools, be sure the power switch is turned to "OFF."
- When working on ladders or scaffolding, rest power tools on a flat surface or place them in a bin secured to the ladder. Falling tools are dangerous.
- Use a ground fault circuit interrupter when working with power tools.

Wear appropriate personal protective equipment.

NEVER...

- Never use any tool unless you are trained to do so.
- Never unplug a tool by pulling on the cord.
- Never clean or repair a tool while the power is connected.
- Never wear rings, jewelry or loose clothing when operating power tools.



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