



Prevent Hand Tool Injuries

- Select the right tool—and the right size tool—for the job.
- Keep tools clean and in good condition.
- Repair or turn in damaged or unsafe tools (e.g., those with broken handles, loose hammer heads, dull or worn blades or drills).
- Transport tools in a toolbox or tool belt.
- Hand tools to another person handle first; don't throw them.
- Carry pointed or sharp tools with the dangerous edges away from your body.
- Use a bag or bucket to carry tools up and down ladders.
- Wear safety shoes.
- Wear safety goggles to protect against flying objects.
- Avoid wearing jewelry or loose clothes that could get caught in tools.
- Get a good grip on tools you're using.
- Cut away from, not toward, your body.
- Keep track of your tools at all times; don't leave them lying around.
- Store tools securely in their proper places when they're not in use.



