

Power Tool Safety Starts Here

- Always read, understand, and **follow** the Operator's Manual before attempting to use any power tool in any way. Also read the nameplate information and **follow** the warning labels on the tool itself.
- **Always** wear safety goggles or safety glasses with side shields. Use a dust mask for dusty operations, and wear hearing protection if you'll be using the tool for an extended period of time
- Dress right. No loose-fitting clothing, no neckties, no jewelry, no dangling objects of any kind. Long hair must be tied back out of your way. Non-slip footwear is recommended.
- Never use power tools if you are tired, sick, distracted, or under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Make sure your work area is neat and clean and free of any debris that might get in your way or be ignited by hot tools, chips, or sparks.
- Make sure your work area has plenty of bright, shadow-free light.
- Before you plug in or connect the battery to any power tool, **make sure the power switch is off**.
- Be sure all appropriate guards are in place and working.
- Always turn off **and** unplug the tool, and/or remove the battery pack, if detachable, before you make any adjustments or change accessories.
- Never use any accessory except those specifically supplied or recommended by the manufacturer. They should be described in the tool's Instruction Manual.
- Never use power tools in wet or damp conditions.
- Never use a tool or battery that is damaged or malfunctioning in any way.
- Need an extension cord? Make sure it's a heavy duty cord and don't use indoor rated cords outside.
- If the tool has a three-pronged plug, make sure you use a three-pronged extension cord plugged into a three-pronged outlet.
- Make sure cutters or blades are clean, sharp, and securely in place. Never use bent, broken, or warped blades or cutters.
- Never overreach when using a power tool. Stay firmly planted on both feet.
- Never rush what you are doing. Always pay close attention. Don't let anything distract you. Think ahead!
- When using hand-held power tools, always keep a firm grip with both hands. Losing control creates a hazardous situation. Do not use any tool that is too heavy for you to easily control.
- Always use the right tool for the right job. No substitutions allowed!
- Always unplug, clean, and store the tool in a safe, dry place when you are finished using it.

Review [General Power Tool Safety](#) for more details.