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Tools of the Trade

On every jobsite, countless tasks involve the use of power tools. Whether you're a carpenter, pipe fitter, plumber, ironworker, or an electrician, you need power tools to do your job. Because power tools are a familiar part of our workday, we often use them without much thought about the hazards they can cause. But you must follow all safe practices and think about the dangers you're exposed to every time you pick up a power tool.

Personal Protective Equipment: Before you use any tool, make sure you're wearing the proper clothing for the job. Don't wear loose-fitting clothes or jewelry that could get caught in moving parts. Tie back long hair. Wear safety shoes to protect your feet and toes. Wear safety glasses or goggles to protect your eyes. When working with tools that create dust or fumes, wear a respirator. Protect your hearing with earplugs or other hearing protection. Wear gloves when necessary.

Safe Operation: Know the machine. Read and follow all manufacturer recommendations. Inspect tools before use and after any repair. Look for obvious defects such as loose cords, broken safety devices, damaged guards, cracks in the outer housing, and broken or missing ground prongs. Never use a defective or damaged tool. Never bypass a safety device. If the use of a tool will generate sparks, make sure your work area is free from flammable and combustible materials. Direct sparks away from you, but never towards a co-worker. Keep your work area clean and don't let cords become tripping hazards.

Electrical Safety: If a GFCI-protected circuit is not available, use only double insulated tools or tools that are properly grounded as required by the Assured Equipment Grounding Conductor Program. Never stand in water or work in wet conditions when operating a power tool. Disconnect tools from the power source before servicing them, or when changing accessories or parts.

Storage and Care: When raising or lowering power tools to a work location, never carry a tool by the cord or use the cord as a lifting device. Place the tool in a bucket and then lift the bucket to your work area. Never yank the cord to disconnect it from a receptacle. Clean power tools before putting them away. Store power tools in a dry place when they are not in use; and consider removing blades, cutters, and bits if the tools are not stored in cases.

Make sure you have a good "grip" physically and mentally every time you use a power tool.

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SAFETY REMINDER
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When using power tools, let the power of the tool help you and not hurt you.

Use all power tools with care and caution.

NOTES:

SPECIAL TOPICS /EMPLOYEE SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS/NOTES:

S.A.F.E. CARDS® PLANNED FOR THIS WEEK:

REVIEWED MSDS # _____ SUBJECT: _____

MEETING DOCUMENTATION:

JOB NAME: _____

MEETING DATE: _____

SUPERVISOR: _____

ATTENDEES: _____

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