

Power Tools

Practical skills

The habits that prevent the injuries that actually occur.

Educational reference. Read the manual for each tool.

Always

Eye protection

Unplug before adjusting anything

Clamp the workpiece — never hold it

Let the tool reach full speed before cutting

Keep both hands on the tool

Never

Loose sleeves, gloves near rotating parts, or long hair untied

Remove or wedge a guard

Reach over a running blade

Force the tool — let it cut

Use a damaged cable or plug

Also

Hearing protection above 85 dB

Dust mask for wood and masonry

RCD on outdoor tools

Good lighting

Kickback — the tool or workpiece thrown violently back — causes most serious saw injuries. Clamping and correct feed direction prevent it.