

RIGHT TOOL. RIGHT WAY.

Hand and power tools. Wrong tool, missing guard, rushed change: that is how hands get hurt.

Off + unplugged

before you change a blade, bit or disc. Every time, no exceptions.



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INSPECT BEFORE USE
Cord, plug, casing, trigger, guard and blade. Cracked, frayed or sparking? Tag it out and hand it in.
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GUARDS STAY ON
A guard is never removed, pinned back or taped open. If the guard stops the job, the tool is wrong for the job.
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RIGHT TOOL FOR THE JOB
A spanner is not a hammer and a grinder is not a saw. Use the right disc, at the right speed, for the right material.
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SECURE THE WORK
Clamp it or put it in a vice. Never hold small work in your hand while cutting or drilling.
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ISOLATE BEFORE ADJUSTING
Switch off, unplug or remove the battery before changing accessories, clearing jams or walking away.
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PPE FOR THE TOOL
Eye protection always. Hearing protection for grinders and saws. No gloves, loose sleeves or jewellery near rotating parts.

Damaged tool? Tag it out and hand it in.

INSPECT
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GUARD
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ISOLATE
IT

General Machinery Regulations, 1988, reg 2 and 3: machinery is guarded, maintained and used safely. Electrical Machinery Regulations, 2011: portable electrical tools kept safe. Follow the site inspection and colour-coding schedule and keep the register current.

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