

Hand and Power Tool Safety Awareness

Introduction:

A safe work environment, should be the main objective for every company. Maintaining a safe workplace will encourage employees to perform to the best of their abilities and increase productivity. The employer is responsible for their employees, and the condition of the equipment and tools being used for the job.

Employees are responsible for the safe use of the equipment, and should be aware of the dangers associated with using hand and power tools. The Employee, must be properly trained to use the tools in which they will use on the job, present a good attitude, practice good judgment when performing their job, and follow all safety rules established by the company.

Discussion Points:

- Use the proper tool for the job
- Inspect the equipment before each use
- Recognize the hazards associated with the tools and the job
- Practice good judgement when using hand and power tools
- Store equipment when not in use

Discussion:

All equipment, must be in good working condition, and if it is not, then it must be removed from service; A worn-out tool must be replaced. Use the proper tool for the job, and always use the tool as it was designed. Always inspect the tool before use, and ensure it is in proper working order. Power tools must be fitted with guards and safety switches, and have grounding wires. These are all safety features that are vital in protecting the worker and must be utilized while in use.

Before using a tool, think through the task and know your capabilities. Do not use short-cuts or cheats. Saving a few minutes on the job may cause you to lose several hours or days if injured. Always wear your PPE including gloves, goggles and a face shield, and report all injuries to your supervisor.

As always, be safe out there!

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