



SAFETY BRIEF

USING HAND TOOLS

Hand tools are used so frequently that it's easy to forget how dangerous they can be. Follow these tips when working with hand tools:

- Only use tools if you have received the proper training
- Carry your tools in a toolbox when entering and exiting the job site
- Know the purpose of the tool and only use it for that purpose
- Use the correct tool size for the job
- Make sure all tools are secure when working from heights
- Wear the necessary personal protective equipment for the job
- Do not use a tool unless you have been trained to do so
- Never cut towards yourself
- Carry tools with sharp points facing downwards and away from you

MAINTENANCE

- Inspect tools for any damages and replace when needed
- Always clean each tool after every use
- Lightly oil metal tools and store them in a dry area to prevent them from rusting
- Sharpen any dull tool cutting edges
- Replace cracked or broken handles
- Put tools back where they belong after each use
- Check to see if tool handles are wedged tightly into the heads of the tools



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