



# SAFETY BRIEF

## USING POWER TOOLS

Power tools may seem harmless, but they can cause serious injuries if they aren't used correctly. Follow these tips when working with power tools:

- Make sure you not only select the correct tool for the job, but also the correct tool size
- Never cut towards your yourself
- Only operate tools you have been trained to use
- Do not use electrical equipment when your hands are wet
- Wear the necessary personal protective equipment for the job
- Check to see if the power switch is in the "off" position before plugging the tool in
- Be sure the tool is properly grounded and double-insulated
- Do not leave power tools unattended
- Securely tighten drill bits and other pieces to the power tool

### MAINTENANCE

- Clean each tool after use to prevent damages and rusting
- Frequently inspect all tools for damage or broken parts
- Keep cords away from heat, sharp objects and chemicals that can damage the insulation
- Store tools in a clean, dry and organized place
- Put tools back where they belong after each use
- Keep blades sharp and check bits for wear and damage
- Check plugs for broken or damaged prongs and cords for damage to the insulation
- Lubricate necessary parts



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