

Safety Minute




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Power Tool Safety

- ▶ Never carry a tool by the cord or hose.
- ▶ Never yank the cord or the hose to disconnect it from the receptacle.
- ▶ Keep cords and hoses away from heat, oil, and sharp edges.
- ▶ Disconnect tools when not using them, before servicing and cleaning them, and when changing accessories such as blades, bits, and cutters.
- ▶ Keep all people not involved with the work at a safe distance from the work area.

- ▶ Secure work with clamps or a vise, freeing both hands to operate the tool.
- ▶ Avoid accidental starting. Do not hold fingers on the switch button while carrying a plugged-in tool.
- ▶ Maintain tools with care; keep them sharp and clean for best performance.
- ▶ Follow instructions in the user's manual for lubricating and changing accessories.

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- ▶ Be sure to keep good footing and maintain good balance when operating power tools.
 - ▶ Wear proper apparel for the task. Loose clothing, ties, or jewelry can become caught in moving parts.
 - ▶ Remove all damaged portable electric tools from use and tag them: “Do Not Use.”