

Safety Rules for Hand Tools

1. Keep all cutting tools sharp. A sharp tool will cut into materials as it should, but a dull tool requires excessive pressure and may slide over the work and out of control.
2. Know the name of each tool and its capacity for doing work.
3. Learn to select and use the proper tool in the proper way. It is safer and the job can be done faster and better.
4. Examine tools before using them, report faulty tools immediately.
5. Beware of all hazards. If hack saw blades, twist drills, or other articles made of tool steel are bent, twisted, etc., they may snap and send off flying particles.
6. Beware of tools with mushroomed heads. Hitting such tools with a hammer may cause a piece of steel to break off and fly like a bullet.
7. Never pound any hardened metal or tools with a hard faced hammer.
8. Never use a hammer with a loose or split handle or a chipped face.
9. Never use a file without a handle.
10. Keep the fingers away from the handsaw blade when sawing (except when starting a cut).
The saw may jump out of the kerf and skid on the hand.
11. When tools are not in use, place them in a safe position.
12. Never put sharp-edged tools into your pockets.
13. Do not disassemble any tool until the instructor has demonstrated how to do it.
14. Carry sharp tools with the cutting edge down and away from your legs.