



Right Tool for the Job - DATE 04/12/26 – 04/18/26

We rely on many tools, hand and power tools, daily to complete the tasks we are asked to do. Remember and follow these rules and guidelines for safe use of all:

- Use the tool designed for that task, and use it correctly
- Read and understand the manufacturer's instructions and make sure you have been trained on the use of that tool
- Never use unsuitable tools, *-or modify/alter-* a tool in your toolbox to try and mimic the performance of the correct tool.
- Ensure the tool is well maintained and inspected before use.
- Ensure that any attachments or accessories that are used with that tool and are made to use with, or compatible, with that tool. Some attachments and accessories are packaged with certain tools. Make sure they are there and used properly.
- Any tool that is found to be in disrepair needs to be immediately turned in to your supervisor for replacement.
- Any tool that is found to be missing any safety-related attachments or any accessory (such as a guard or handle) will not be used and you should notify your supervisor immediately so the proper attachments can be obtained or the tool replaced.
- Keep cutting tools sharp and protected when not in use.
- When using rotating tools such as drills, be cognizant of loose clothing, drawstrings from hooded shirts, any fraying near the cuffs, and long hair so none of those have a chance to get caught up in the rotating parts of the tool.
- Understand the results of a tool when it slips, catches, or binds and keep yourself and your extremities from any Line of Fire consequence from those adverse reactions.

You can find detailed information on hand and power tools in the Brieser Safety Manual in many different sections, depending on your specific task. The language describing the use of correct tools for the task and not using damaged or altered tools is in Section 3, Job Descriptions.



