



Portable Tool Safety – Week of 5/24/26 – 5/30/26

Whether here or at home it is important to remember these safety tips when using a portable power saw:

- Always wear eye protection. Chips from material can fly into your face, or the blade can break.
- Never remove guards for tool use.
- Always use manufactures handle attachments to assist in tool control.
- Avoid loose clothing, jewelry and anything that could get caught in the saw. Tie back long hair.
- Always make sure the cord is out of the way and not in the line of the cut.
- Oil needs to be checked on a regular basis.
- Use both hands on the saw and make sure you are in full control of it. Avoid cutting above shoulder height.
- Always make sure you are using the proper blade for the material you are cutting.
- Make sure the workpiece is secure before cutting. Never hold a workpiece in your hand or across your lap.
- Don't overreach. Keep a stable footing.
- Unplug the Cord / Remove the Battery / Turn Off the tool when not in use, changing blades, or servicing of any kind.
- Beware of kickback when using a circular saw, which is when the blade becomes pinched, and the saw lifts out of the workpiece and toward the user.
 - To prevent kickback, make sure the blade is sharp and clean; do not let it overheat; support large panels so they will not pinch the blade; beware of knots or sap in the wood and never remove the blade from the material while it is cutting. Release the switch immediately if the saw stalls or binds.
- If you don't believe the tool is working the way it should, immediately stop work and have it replaced.



