



Damaged Power Tools And Equipment

Each year there are more than 20,000 electrical accidents and 700 electric related deaths.

Check the plug carefully, too. If the plug is the three-prong type and a prong is missing or loose, take the tool out of service until it can be repaired by an electrician.

A significant number of those worker fatalities are due to working with damaged electrical tools and equipment.

Before using the tool, check the area carefully for objects with sharp edges and other areas where the cord could be pinched, scraped or cut. Avoid these areas whenever possible. If you can't avoid them, take precautions to protect the cord, such as chaffing gear.

Electrical tools can be extremely hazardous if they become damaged enough to cause the user to contact exposed live wires.



Store electric power tools in a waterproof toolbox when they are not in use. Remember that the cords and other parts of tools become weather beaten if not stored properly and insulation can rot away exposing the wire.

Inspect each tool carefully before you use it. If there are cracks, cuts or abrasions on the cord take the tool out of service until an electrician can replace the cord. Don't try to fix it yourself unless qualified to do so.



If the casing of a tool is broken or cracked anywhere discard the tool in such a way that others won't use it.

Avoid using all electrical powered tools in wet or damp locations.

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