



GBCA SAFETY TOOLBOX TALK

PINCH POINTS WHEN USING POWER TOOLS

A pinch point is any point where a body part could get caught in or between two objects. When using power tools, always be aware of pinch points and ways that you could get caught. Look at the manufacturer's instructions, as these will identify the areas and issues to look out for and check.

BEFORE USING POWER TOOLS:

- Identify and check for pinch points:
 - ◇ Check the tools for areas where there are moving or rotating parts.
 - ◇ Check for openings on the sides tops and bottoms of the tool.
- If you are wearing gloves, make sure they are tight fitting and not loose.
- Make sure your clothes are not too loose and that you do not have loose fabric hanging off of you.
- Be aware of, or tie off drawstrings on clothes, such as hoodies.
- Make sure power cords are out of the way when using the tools.
- Keep your work area free of tripping hazards.
- If the tool can kick back, position yourself with enough room to get out of the way.

TIPS WHILE USING POWER TOOLS:

- Keep both hands on the tool in order to control it.
- Do not over-extend your reach when using power tools.
- Do not remove handles or guards from tools. You could expose pinch point areas. Handles and guards are designed to help you have better control over the tools.
- Keep both feet on the ground and watch for uneven or slippery conditions.
- Use clamps to hold materials together.
- Never cut anything by holding it up or resting it on your foot or leg.
- Disconnect the power from the tool before you change accessories such as drill bits, saw blades, grinding wheels, and sanding belts.
- Use chuck keys—not just your hands—to turn the chuck on drills.

Following these tips can prevent an accident and ensure that your day is safe and injury free.



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