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We use power saws every day to cut wood, metal, and even concrete. When they are handled properly, saws can be safe, but mishandling them can cause serious harm, injury, and even death. Let's consider some safety tips to think about when you use power saws.

- Get the training you need for the particular saw you have to use. Circular saws, table saws, band saws, radial arm saws, chop saws, and jigsaws are similar, but have slightly different hazards.
- Read and follow all of the manufacturer's instructions for operating, storing, and maintaining each power saw.
- Inspect saws for damage before each use. Don't use a saw that vibrates or seems unsafe.
- Always wear hearing and eye protection.
- Wear an approved respirator or dust mask when you are exposed to harmful or nuisance dusts.
- Do not wear loose-fitting clothing or jewelry around saws. Tie back long hair.
- Make sure blades rotate in the right direction.
- Make sure saw guards move freely. Never wedge blade guards.
- Keep blades sharp. Dull blades can kick back.
- Maintain a good footing and balance when operating any power saw. Do not overreach.
- Before you plug in a power saw, make sure the switch is turned to 'off.'
- Use a push stick or push blocks to guide wood through a table saw.
- Do not saw freehand; use guides and fences.
- Never use your body to hold or brace a workpiece. Use clamps instead.
- Before cutting, check the workpiece for nails, screws, staples, and other objects
- Never stand in puddles when using a power tool, and keep cords away from water.
- Make sure cords are clear of the cutting area.
- Disconnect the power before cleaning a saw, changing blades, or making adjustments.
- Carry saws by the handle, with the blade pointed away from you.
- Do not carry a saw with your finger on the trigger.
- Never put down a circular saw unless the blade has stopped
- Never pass a power saw to a co-worker using the power cord.
- Do not smoke when you are refueling chain saws.
- Keep fingers and thumbs away from blades.
- Never take your eyes off the work.

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