Defective Tools

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<td>Defective tools can cause serious and painful injuries. If a tool is defective in some way, do not use it.</td>
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<td>If tools and equipment are defective, attach an Out of Service tag with signature and date. Upon proof of repairs (a receipt), the tag will be removed and attached to the invoice for continuous monitoring of repairs dates completed.</td>
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**HAND TOOLS**

Watch for problems like:

- Chisels and wedges with mushroomed heads.
- Split or cracked handles.
- Chipped or broken drill bits.
- Wrenches with worn out jaws.
- Tools that is not complete, such as files without handles.

To ensure safe use of hand tools, do not use a defective tool, inspect tools prior to use and verify that tools are repaired.

**AIR, GAS OR ELECTRIC POWER TOOLS**

Watch for problems like:

- Broken or inoperative guards.
- Insufficient or improper grounding due to damage on double insulated tools.
- No ground wire (on plug) or cords of standard tools.
- The on / off switch not in good working order.
- Tool blade is cracked.
- The wrong grinder wheel is being used. The guard has been wedged back on a power saw.

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