

# HOME SAFE

## Power Tools



When using power tools for your DIY projects, make sure you DIS—Do It Safely! Check off these safety tips to avoid injuries.

- POWER TOOLS:** When using trimmers, edgers, or table saws, I always read and follow the instructions in the owner's manual to ensure that I'm using tools correctly and safely.
- SAFETY GOGGLES:** To protect my eyes from flying debris, I always wear safety goggles when using power tools.
- ELECTRICAL:** When using extension cords outdoors, I make sure cords are undamaged, clearly labeled for outdoor use, and plugged into proper, grounded receptacles.

**Power Tool Safety:** Plan on using power tools for projects around the home? Make sure you read the directions first, and follow the instructions in the owner's manual. One power tool that is regularly involved in injuries is a table saw. No matter how expert you are, always use the blade guard for through cuts, and use a push stick for small pieces. Protect yourself while you work: wear snug clothing and remove jewelry that could get caught in tools. In addition, wear safety goggles to protect your eyes from flying debris; and always keep hands away from moving parts. When using power tools, never carry them by the cord, and keep cords away from heat, oil, and sharp edges. Bear in mind that power tools and alcoholic beverages do not mix well; stay sober to stay safe.

**Electrical Safety:** Electrical power used outdoors poses a shock or electrocution hazard. Make sure that extension cords are properly grounded, not damaged with exposed wires, rated for outdoor use and suitable for the intended current of the equipment you're using. Avoid using corded power tools in damp or wet conditions. Ensure that receptacles used to supply outdoor power have properly tested ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) protection, or use a portable GFCI.

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