



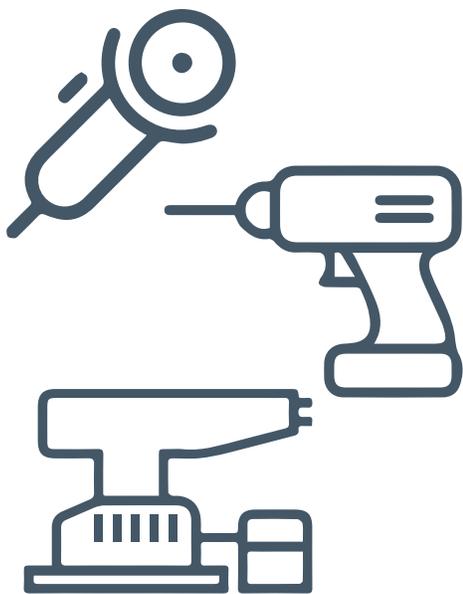
# You're Worth It

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## WOODWORKERS TOOLBOX TALK

### MANUAL AND POWER TOOL SAFETY



The tools of the trade for woodworkers have the potential to cause serious injury, particularly if they are not taken care of or used without due caution.



### SAFETY TIPS

1. Never use a power tool unless you have been trained and authorized to do so. Follow safe work procedures.
2. Inspect all tools prior to use. Only use tools that are in good operating condition.
  - Check out any unusual vibrations or noises before using powered equipment.
  - Check all power cords daily for tears or cuts in the insulation, loose connections (plug to wire and wire to tool) and poor **ground connections**.
3. Report all broken or worn out tools to your teacher or supervisor, and mark them "Not to be used".
3. Wear hearing protection and tie back long hair when operating power tools.
4. Before starting, check to ensure that all **guards** and safety devices are in place and functioning properly, and check that the power switch is in the off position before plugging it in. Only the operator should turn the tool on.

### EXAMPLES OF HAZARDS

- Poorly maintained hand tools – for example, chisels and wedges with mushroomed heads, split or cracked handles, chipped or broken drill bits.
- Poorly maintained power tools – for example, frayed cords, broken or inoperative guards, defective on/off switch, or tool blade cracked.
- Wrong parts used – for example, grinder wheel.
- Tools used without training or personal protective equipment.



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