



ARCO SAFE TOOL BOX TALKS

Hand & Power Tools:

Power Tools



OSHA STANDARDS FOR POWER TOOLS

- 1926.300 – Tools, Hand & Power
- 1926.404 – Electrical Safety
- 1926.702 – Concrete & Masonry Construction
- 1926.951 – Power Transmission & Distribution

With so many standards covering power tools, there's a lot of different ways you could be cited by OSHA!

GUARDS

If the tool came with a guard, the guard must be on it at all times. There is no reason to remove a guard from any tool!!!

EMPLOYEE TRAINING

No matter what tool it is, you must be trained to use it!

OSHA requires the following training for employees using tools:

- Only employees qualified by training or experience can operate equipment and machinery. 1926.20(b)(4)
- Employees must be trained to recognize and avoid unsafe conditions & the regulations applicable to their work environment to control or eliminate any hazards or other exposure to illness or injury. 1926.20(b)(2)

GENERAL SAFETY RULES FOR POWER TOOLS

- Never yank the cord or hose to disconnect it.
- Never carry a tool by the hose or cord.
- Keep cords/hoses away from heat, oil, sharp edges, and pinch points.
- Avoid accidental starting – don't put your finger on the switch while carrying a tool that's plugged in.
- Follow all the manufacturer's recommendations & instructions – you could be cited if you don't.
- Wear all the appropriate PPE!
- Guards must be in place at all times.
- Never override a safety device – don't "lock down" a "dead-man switch"!