

Let Your Tools Keep You Safe

You can tell a truly professional service tech by the condition and use of his or her tools. Here are some tips to prevent injuries from the use of hand tools:

- Clean your tools after every use and check for damage or wear.
- Immediately replace, dress or repair tools with defects.

Working with tools that aren't right can be like walking through a mine field. You don't know when you're going to get hurt, but you know it's going to happen.

Look for:

- Cold chisels with mushroomed heads
- Cracked, loose or broken handles
- Slipping or worn socket wrench ratchets or adjustable wrenches
- Hammers with loose heads
- Files without handles
- Cracked or rounded box ends, open ends and sockets
- Use the right tool for the job
- Don't use cheater pipes
- Using a manual wrench? Pull instead of pushing for added control and less chance of injury

Never use standard sockets on an impact tool.

Never carry tools, especially pointed or sharp ones, in your pockets. A slip, fall or other wrong move can cause serious injury.

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