

2. Do not use an adjustable blade saw if the blade is not tight (hacksaw, coping saw, keyhole saw, or bow saw).
3. Do not use a saw that has dull saw blades.
4. Oil saw blades after each use.
5. Do not carry a saw by the blade.
6. When using a hand saw, hold the work piece firmly against the worktable.

Chainsaws

1. A full-face shield must be worn at all times when operating a chainsaw.
2. Never let the moving chain contact any object at the tip of the guide bar to reduce the chance of kickback.
3. Keep the chain sharp and properly adjusted according to the manufacturers' instruction.
4. Do not remove safety devices such as hand guards.
5. Cut away from your body and below your shoulder level when you are using a chainsaw.
6. You should always handle or operate a chainsaw with care and be mentally alert. Never operate a chainsaw if you have taken alcohol or medication.

Screwdrivers

1. Always match the size and type of screwdriver blade to fit the head of the screw.
2. Do not hold the work piece against your body while using a screwdriver.
3. Use an awl, drill, or a nail to make a starting hole for screws.
4. Do not use a screwdriver as a punch, chisel, pry bar, or nail puller.
5. When using a spiral ratchet screwdriver, push down firmly and slowly.

Vises

1. When clamping a long work piece in a vise, support the far end by using an adjustable pipe stand, sawhorse, or box.
2. Do not use a vise that has worn or broken jaw inserts or has cracks or fractures in the body of the vise.

Wrenches

1. Do not slip a pipe over a wrench handle for increased leverage.
2. Do not use a shim to make a wrench fit. Size the adjustable wrench to fit the nut before turning.
3. Do not use a wrench with broken or battered points.
4. Use only a sledge type hammer on a striking face wrench.
5. Use box or socket wrenches on hexagon nuts and bolts as a first choice, and open-end wrenches as a second choice.

Handling Chemicals

1. Follow label instructions and the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for each chemical being used.
2. Use personal protective equipment such as Neoprene gloves, shoe covers, rubber boots or aprons, and protective eye wear when using chemicals labeled “flammable,” “corrosive,” “caustic,” or “poisonous.”
3. Do not use protective equipment that has visible damage such as split seams, tears, cuts, or pin holes.
4. Each time you use your gloves, wash them in cold tap water before removing. Always wash your hands after removing the gloves.
5. Use only red-colored plastic or metal containers for storing flammables.
6. Do not use chemicals from unlabeled containers or unmarked cylinders.
7. Do not drag containers labeled “flammable.”

Pest Control

1. Always follow the manufacturer’s safety instructions when mixing, using chemicals, storing chemicals, or disposing of chemical containers.
2. Employees applying chemicals must receive instruction in the safe and proper use of each chemical before they attempt application.
3. All employees applying chemicals or supervising those that apply chemicals must read and be thoroughly familiar with Product Safety Data Sheets for the particular chemical. (These sheets should be available in the maintenance shop for quick reference in case of accident).
4. Always wear safety glasses when mixing or applying chemicals.
5. Always wear protective clothing when applying pest control chemicals, such as long trousers and a long sleeve shirt, to help avoid skin exposure.
6. Immediately wash any area of your skin that comes in contact with any pest control chemical with soap and water. (These chemicals can be absorbed directly through the skin into the bloodstream).
7. Always mix chemicals in a well-ventilated area.
8. Never exceed the approved mixing rations.

Ladders and Step Ladders

Employees cannot work on any surface where the bottom of their feet is six feet or higher **off the ground unless** there are guardrails in place. The only exception to this is when inspecting, investigating, or assessing work prior to start or after work completed (unless a **Fall Protection System [FPS]** or equipment have been installed and are available for workers to use pre/post-work).

We realize harnesses and lanyards can be purchased however without the proper training they are useless. Only employees that have received fall protection training from a certified instructor are allowed to use any type of fall arrest system.

1. Inspect ladders before and after each use and always read and follow the manufacturer’s instructions affixed to the ladder.
2. Do not exceed the ladders maximum load rating.