Safety Brief

FLAWLESS SAFETY PERFORMANCE IS A TEAM EFFORT

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Selecting the Right Tool for the Job

Before you select a tool, think about the job you will be doing. Using the wrong tool for the job often damages the tool and could cause you pain, discomfort, or injury.

What are some basic tips when using hand tools?

- **Select the right tool for the job. Follow the tool manufacturer's guidelines.**

- Keep tools in good condition at all times:

  - Inspect tools for defects before use. Tag-out, replace, or repair defective tools.

  - Keep tools clean and dry, and store them properly after each use.

- Use tools designed to allow your wrist to stay straight. Avoid using hand tools with your wrist bent.

- Always pull on a wrench or pliers. Never push unless you hold the tool with your palm open.

- Wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) appropriate for the hazards to which you may be exposed.

- Keep the work environment clean and tidy to avoid clutter which may cause incidents.