

KCA TOOL BOX TALK: Power Saw Safety

Thousands of people are seriously injured each year by electrical power saws. These injuries also include electrical shock. These tools can do more than just injure a worker; they can kill a worker.

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Preventing Power Saw Injuries:

- Read the owner's manual before you first use a saw. Keep blades sharp, clean, and oiled. Inspect blades for cracks.
- When you use a saw, wear goggles or safety glasses with side shields, even if you wear a face shield. Also wear proper gloves and shoes.
- Do not wear jewelry, such as chains.
- Do not wear loose clothes.
- If you have long hair, tie it inside your hard hat.
- Do not cut unless you have a clear work area and solid footing.
- An electric saw needs to be double-insulated or have a 3 prong plug in a grounded outlet.
- Unplug a saw before you change a blade.

For more information visit OSHA REGULATION: 1926.302 and 304