



Safety is everyone's responsibility...



Whether you're a contractor or a homeowner working on a do-it-yourself project, safety should be an essential element on your project checklist. Review our tips before using the most common power tools and equipment on your next home building and renovation project.



REDUCING INJURY AND ILLNESS EVERYWHERE

SAFE Work is part of the SAFE Manitoba program strategy - a joint initiative between the Workers Compensation Board of Manitoba, the Manitoba Government and several injury prevention partners. Together, they are working to keep Manitobans safe at home, at work, at school, on the farm, on our roads and in every part of our lives.



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FOR CONTRACTORS & DO-IT-YOURSELFERS



General Safety Tips

- ✓ Wear CSA-approved eye protection.
- ✓ When operating a power tool, wear hearing protection.
- ✓ Tie back long hair and make sure clothing and jewellery does not dangle or hang loosely.
- ✓ Make sure that safety guards are in place and are working.
- ✓ Replace damaged parts or damaged tools before using them.
- ✓ Always keep a firm grip on your tools.
- ✓ When sanding or using chemicals, wear a dust mask or respirator. Be sure to read the chemicals' MSDS sheet before you begin.
- ✓ When using power tools outdoors, plug them into a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) outlet.
- ✓ If you are renting tools, ask for instructions and a demonstration.



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Spot the hazard	Assess the risk	Find a safer way - Everyday
Table Saw	Sharp saw blade Electrical cord	Eye protection Guards Hearing protection Push Sticks
Chain Saw	Sharp blade Instability Flammable fuel	Eye protection Guards Hearing protection
Router	Sharp blade Instability Electrical cord	Eye protection Guards Hearing protection
Air Nailer	Sharp nails Compressed air Electrical cord	Eye protection Double Safety Locks Hearing protection
Utility Knife	Sharp blade Pre-scored breaks on blade	Eye protection Single piece blade (not snap off)
Ladder	Fall potential	3-point contact ladder

General Requirements for The Workplace Safety and Health Act

Contractors and self-employed service providers must advise the prime contractor when they or their employees are working on a construction project. The prime contractor will ensure, so far as is reasonably possible, every person involved in work on the project complies with *The Workplace Safety and Health Act* and the regulations. Everyone has a personal and shared responsibility to work together cooperatively to prevent workplace injuries and illnesses.

Prime Contractor

- Co-ordinates, organizes and oversees the performance of all work at the construction project site and conducts his own activities in such a way as to ensure that no person is exposed to risks to personal safety or health arising from activities at the construction project site.
- Must comply with *The Workplace Safety and Health Act* and the regulations.

Contractor

- Directs the activities of one or more employees or self-employed persons involved at a workplace; ensures that his workplace, work processes and procedures do not create a risk to the safety or health of any person.
- Must comply with *The Workplace Safety and Health Act* and the regulations.

Self-Employed Person

- Provides independent services; works to ensure that he or any other person is not exposed to risks to personal safety or health from activities in his workplace.
- Must comply with *The Workplace Safety and Health Act* and the regulations.

Every person involved in a construction project must co-operate with anyone exercising a duty imposed by *The Workplace Safety and Health Act* or the regulations and must comply with the Act and the regulations.

