



## **WALSH**Safety News



GOOD SAFETY HABITS

Truck used spotter when backing in to tight area.

## **Power Tools**

Power tools come in a wide variety of shapes and styles for different tasks but no matter the tool knowing and practicing the commonsense rule will reduce your chance of having an accident. First step is to select the best tool for the iob and know how to use it. If you're familiar with the Power Tool and following manufacturers instructions you greatly decrease the risk of getting hurt. Never use a power tool that you're unfamiliar with without askina for assistance from someone who knows the tool first.

Ensure that the tool if electrical power is grounded with a three-prong plug or is double insulated. Check the cord to ensure it is not broken or torn. Ensure that all switches and guards are just securely In place.

Before starting the tool remove any chock or adjusting keys. Whenever possible use clamps to secure loose material. ensure You have firm footing and good ergonomics. Do not use electrical tools in wet conditions.

Double check yourself prior to operating, ensure you have proper PPE on including safety glasses or a protective shield if required. Other things such as respirators in hearing protection may also be required. Pay attention to your work area prior to operating tools ensure You know any hazards in the area, let others around you know what you will be doing and avoid exposing other workers to debris from your tool.

## BAD SAFETY HABITS



Bad chain left untagged and in service on site.

Fire extinguisher in equipment out of date.

Worker on site with no safety glasses when required .

## **Extension Cords**

OSHA requires that all electrical cord on the construction sites be double insulated and grounded. This can easily be noticed by looking for three prong

On the male end of the cord. OSHA also requires that all extension cords have no visible frays, cuts or cracks. Any extension cord on-site must not Presented trip hazard to other workers or the public. Cord should be a bright color. Electrical tape fixes are not allowed.



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