

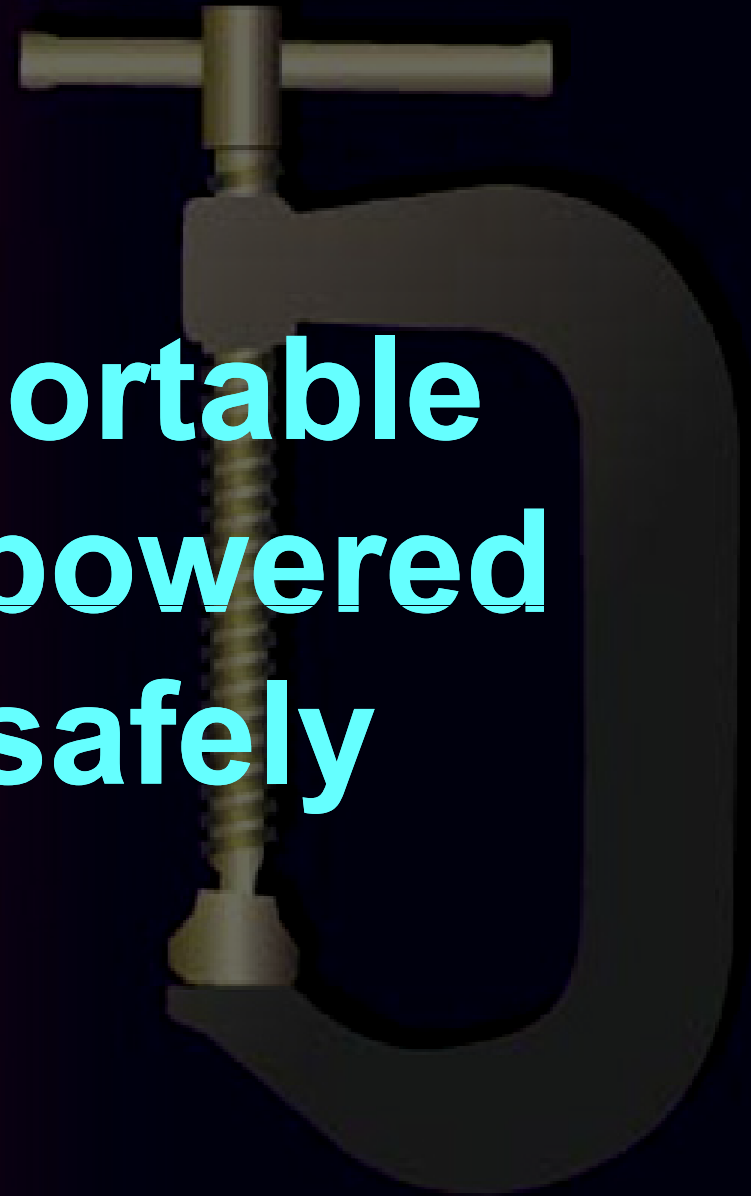


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# Using portable electric-powered tools safely

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## Portable power tools: useful but dangerous

Injuries range from cuts to amputation

Keys to preventing injuries are:

- Understanding each power tool you use
- Identifying potential hazards of each tool
- Taking appropriate precautions

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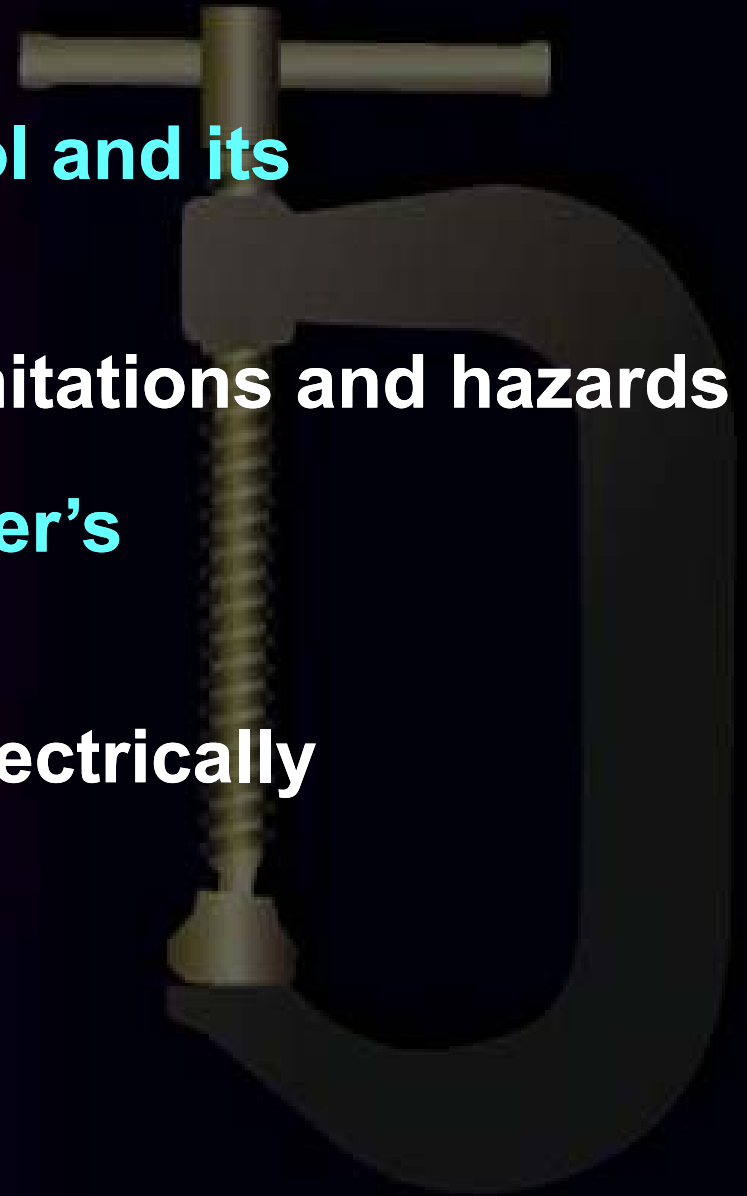
**Understand the tool and its intended use**

**Know the tool's limitations and hazards**

**Follow manufacturer's instructions**

**Ensure tools are electrically certified**

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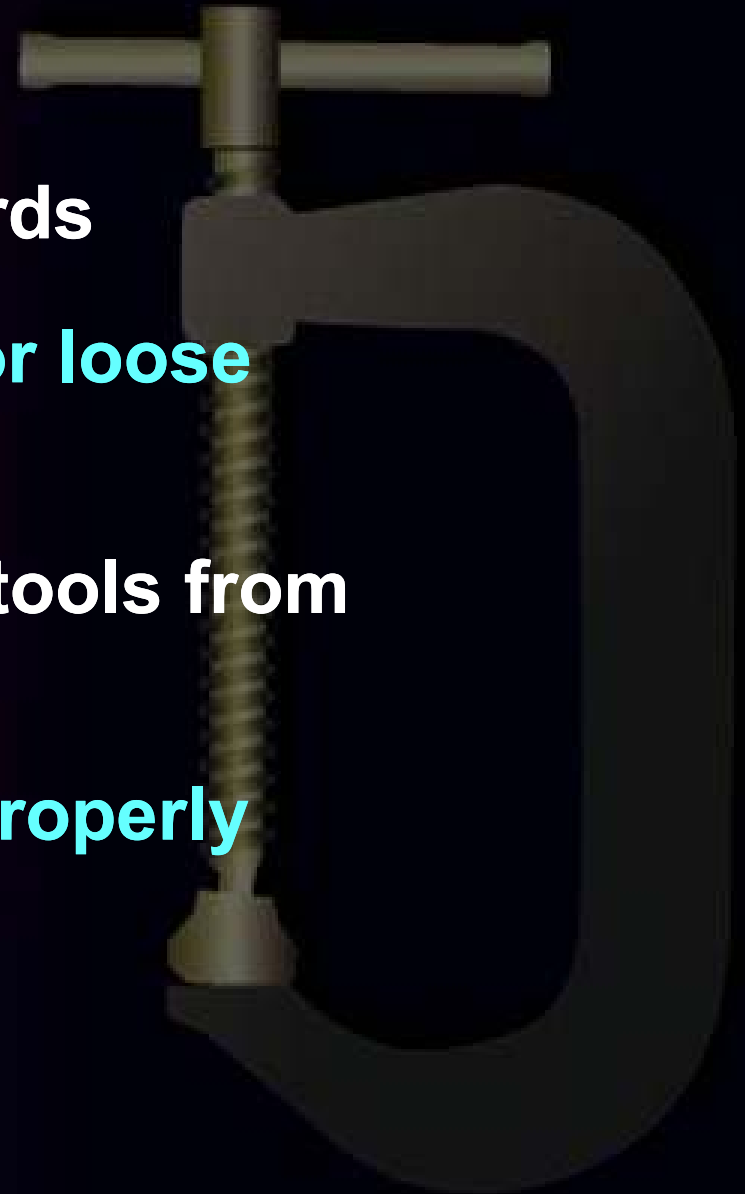
**Inspect tools**

**Look for frayed cords**

**Check for broken or loose switches**

**Remove damaged tools from work area**

**Ensure plugs are properly grounded**



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**Wear appropriate safety gear**

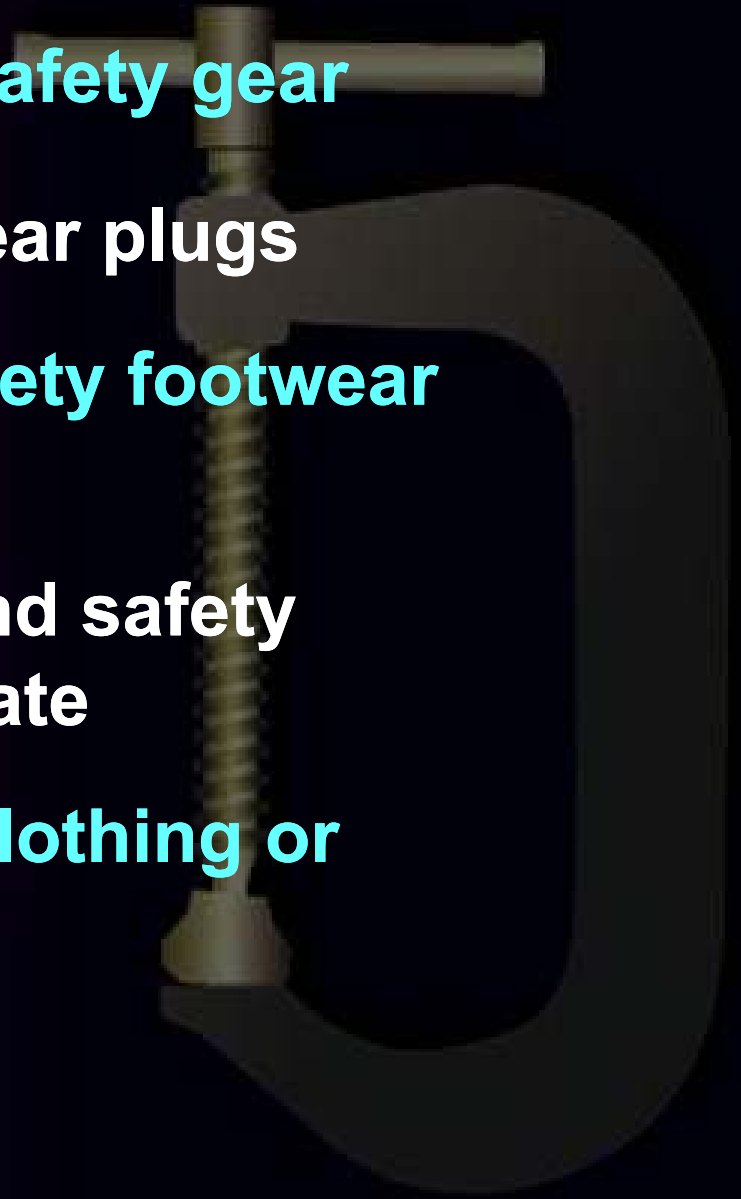
**Consider wearing ear plugs**

**Use gloves and safety footwear if needed**

**Wear face shield and safety glasses if appropriate**

**Never wear loose clothing or jewelry**

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**Never remove guards from power tools**

**Examine guards before work begins**

**Keep finger off the switch when carrying tools**

**Place tools on an elevated area while working**

**Keep cords from dangling and tripping others**

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**Work in a clean clutter-free area**

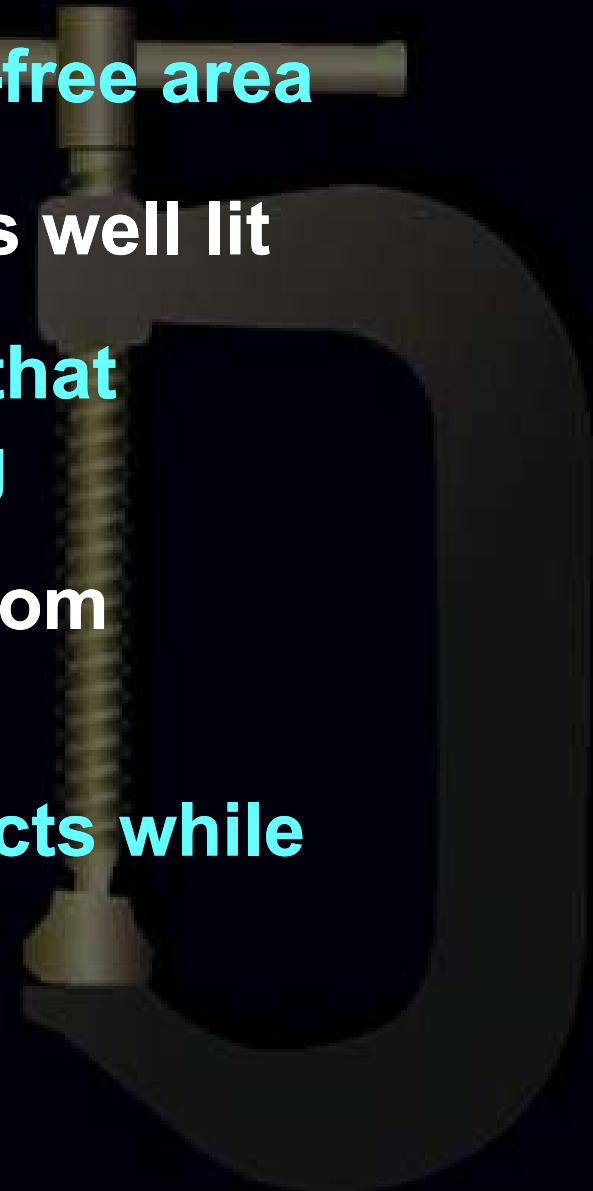
**Ensure the work area is well lit**

**Choose the work area that allows for good footing**

**Work a safe distance from others**

**Use a vise to hold objects while working**

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**Never carry tools by the cord**

**Disconnect tools from plug; not cord**

**Cut power to tools when replacing guards**

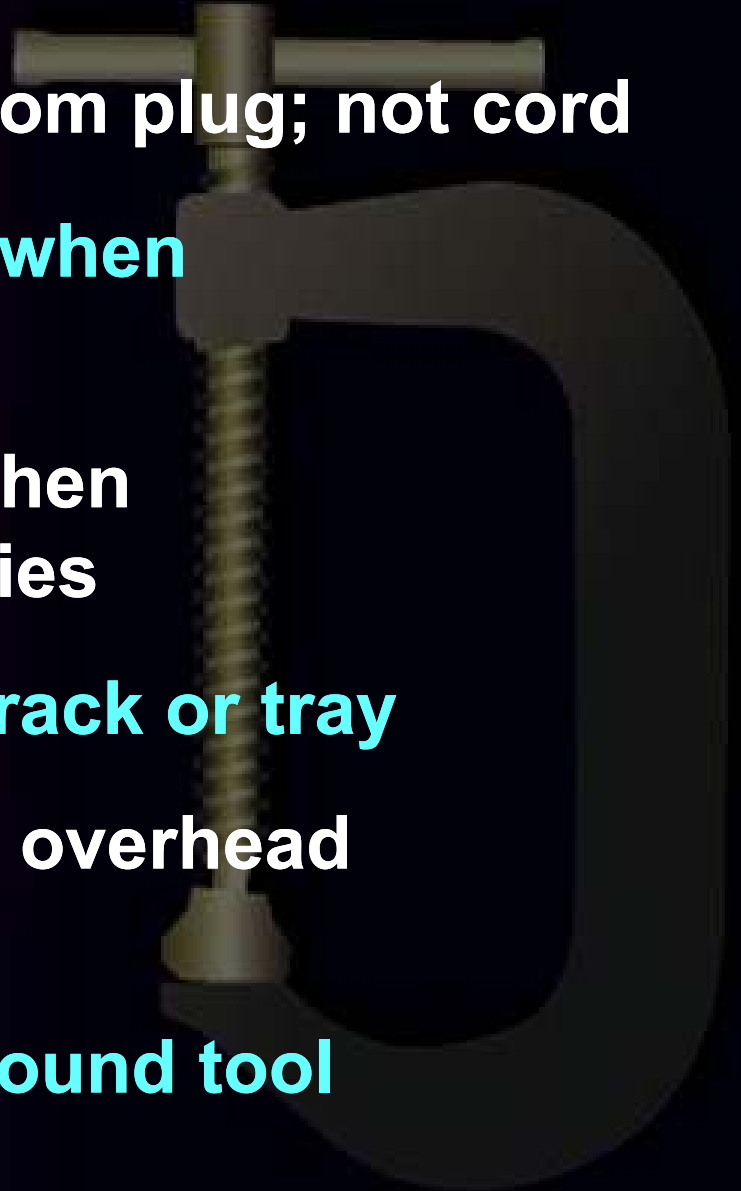
**Disconnect tools when changing accessories**

**Store tools in box, rack or tray**

**Don't store tools in overhead location**

**Never wrap cord around tool**

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