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DEFECTIVE TOOLS

General

Defective tools can cause serious and painful injuries. If a tool is defective in some way, **DON'T USE IT.**

Be aware of problems like:

- chisels and wedges with mushroomed heads
- split or cracked handles
- chipped or broken drill bits
- wenchers with worn out jaws
- tools which are not complete, such as files without handles

To ensure safe use of hand tools, remember:

- never use a defective tool;
- double check all tools prior to use; and
- ensure defective tools are repaired

Air, gasoline or electric power tools, require skill and complete attention on the part of the user even when they are in good condition. Don't use power tools when they are defective in any way.

Watch for problems like:

- broken or inoperative guards,
- insufficient or improper grounding due to damage on double insulated tools,
- no ground wire (on plug) of cords of standard tools,
- the on/off switch not in good working order,
- tool blade is cracked,
- the wrong grinder wheel is being used, or
- the guard has been wedged back on a power saw.