

Tips

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Using the right tools and equipment for the job is important – so is knowing how to use them.

- Only use what you have been trained to use.
- Ensure electrical tools have a current test tag (3 monthly for construction).
- Check all power leads and guards are in good condition.
- Always use an RCD or an approved commercial Lifeguard box.
- Turn tools and equipment off at power source when done.
- Wear the right protective gear – eye and hearing protection, suitable footwear etc.
- Do not use anything that is worn or broken, instead report it / take it to someone so that it will get repaired.
- Put your gear away when you're done and use a waste box to tidy up any scraps as you go.
- Mobile generators, compressors and petrol-powered tools must be well-maintained and in good condition. If in doubt, don't use them – report them.
- Designated refuelling point / safe refuelling area to be identified.
- A fire extinguisher* **must** be available during refuelling.
- Fuel for mobile generators and petrol powered tools must be stored in approved containers only.
- If there are no cable hooks on site, cables should be coiled when not in use.
- The work area should be clear of combustible material and ventilated.

**Fire extinguishers should be tested annually.*