

Managing risks in manufacturing workplaces:

Assessing risks — Power tools

Regulatory requirements related to power tools include sections [7.10 to 7.16](#) and [Part 12](#) of the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation. See also the related [OHS Guidelines](#).

For information and resources on this topic, see the [Power tools](#) page on worksafebc.com. For assistance using this questionnaire, see [How to use the self-evaluation tool](#).

Power tools

<p>1. Have you conducted a risk assessment for the power tools your workers use?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Describe how you carried out this assessment:</p>
<p>2. Have workers experienced injuries or incidents involving power tools?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p>If so, how have those injuries been considered in the risk assessment?</p>
<p>3. What is your process for selecting the right tool for the job?</p>
<p>4. What role do the manufacturer's instructions play in your firm's use of power tools?</p>
<p>5. What is your inspection and maintenance process specific to power tools?</p>
<p>6. Have all power tools been fitted with effective safeguards?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p>Description (where applicable):</p>
<p>7. Are power tools included in your lockout program?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p>Description (where applicable):</p>
<p>8. How do you de-energize and lock out soft-wired (plugged) equipment?</p>

Action plan for power tools

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