



# Equipment Inspections

Construction work takes a toll on the tools and equipment that we use daily. Damaged equipment can lead to lacerations, blunt impact injury, eye damage, and electrical shock. These injuries are very often avoidable. It's important to always tag out defective equipment or take it out of service.

## Tool Inspections

With busy worksites, it's easy miss equipment damage. One way to ensure equipment is in good working condition is to focus on one category during safety walks. For example, on Mondays you might want to inspect all the power tools onsite.

## What to Look for During Inspections

### Electrical cords

- Check cords for damage to the insulating sleeve
- Check for missing ground prongs
- Look for exposed copper wire
- Extension cords should not be plugged into each other to form a "daisy chain"



### Power tools

- Check handheld grinders and saws for missing guards
- Inspect the blade for any chip or defects
- Check the cords of the tools for damage



### Hand tools

- Check tools for splintering wood
- Inspect the head of the tool and make sure it is not loose
- Check for significant rust

