

DEFECTIVE TOOLS

1. Task

Detect unsafe tools, repair damaged tools.

2. Hazards

Electrical hazards, broken guards, struck by/cut by injuries.

3. Controls

Pre-Job Safety Assessment (PSA). Tag and take defective tools out of service.

- ❖ Inspect all tools prior to use for obvious damage and defects (electric, air or gas powered) before using them. Any tools that are found to be defective must be tagged and taken out of service for replacement or repair.
- ❖ Look for frayed power cords, missing ground plugs, nonfunctional or missing safety guards, broken casings.
- ❖ When using hand tools, look for things that may be defective i.e. chisels and wedges with mushroomed heads, split or cracked handles, chipped or broken bits, wrenches with worn jaws, cutting, sanding and grinding discs, files that do not have handles.
- ❖ Ensure qualified technical trades person repairs defective tools. Only repair tools within your scope of work.
- ❖ NEVER use defective tools.