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## **Choosing The Right Tool For The Job**

Recently we had an at risk behavior that was discovered during an observation where an employee was using a Metabo cutting blade to grind an object. The proper use of a Metabo blade is for CUTTING ONLY and should not be used to grind an object. The employee agreed with the observer that his behavior was at risk and agreed to a safer way. In the past we had an incident where using the wrong grinding blade caused the stress fibers to crack and the blade to shatter. Luckily no one was hurt in either scenario.







## **Lessons Learned**

- Proper tool selection is one of the most important steps in any job task. Choosing the right tool can help insure that the job is completed without any accidents or injuries!
- It is everyone's responsibility to take the time to eliminate any potential hazards to make the workplace a safe place.
- Following any at risk behavior, there is always a safer way!

Report all incidents immediately to the GIS Hotline 1-855-543-5163.