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Power Tool Safety

GIS has recently received several reports and pictures of power tools being returned with tape or tie wraps placed over the tools trigger. This is **NOT** allowed and is considered a breach of policy. Please remember that any changes to a tool's "safeguarding" mechanism that is not listed in the manufacturer's tool guide is considered a field modification. This is extremely dangerous and can lead to injuries such as eye loss, amputation and even death.

Any personnel found modifying or to have modified a tool will be held accountable for his or her actions and disciplined accordingly.



Most causes of injuries involving hand and power tools occur due to:

- Lack of Guarding
- Improper tool usage
- Insufficient eye protection
- Modified tools

Remember: Only the manufacturer or specially trained personnel with Corporate HSE approval should make modifications to a tool. This includes attempting to place a trigger in a constant "on" position.

Please review the manufacturer's tool instruction book and thoroughly assess a tool for any unapproved modifications before use. If illegal modifications are found immediately remove the tool from service and alert your supervisor for further evaluation and instructions.

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