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HEALTH SAFETY ENVIRONMENTAL



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## VISUAL INSPECTION BEFORE USE

### "Look Before You Use!"

A recent incident resulted in an injured shoulder when a worker was operating a valve, and the retaining pin fell from the valve wheel handle.



#### Why Visual Inspections Matter:

Every time equipment is used—whether hand tools, power tools, hoses, ladders, or machinery—it should be **visually inspected first**. Many hazards can be spotted and prevented with just a quick look.

#### Common Issues Found During Visual Inspections:

- Frayed or damaged power cords
- Missing or loose guards
- Leaking hydraulic lines
- Cracked handles or bent frames
- Worn-out or missing labels and warnings
- Loose bolts or parts
- Excessive dirt, grease, or corrosion

#### • Your Quick Checklist (Before Every Use):

- ✓ Check for damage, wear, or anything unusual
- ✓ Confirm guards/safety devices are in place
- ✓ Look for leaks, frays, rust, or missing parts
- ✓ Verify the equipment is clean and stored properly
- ✓ Report any defects—**don't use unsafe equipment**

#### REMEMBER:

"If it doesn't look right, it probably isn't."

**Take 60 seconds to inspect. It could save a life—maybe yours.**



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