## Work Safe: Tools and Appliances

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**Nick  
Leading Hand Carpenter**

G’day. I’m Nick, and I’m a leading hand chippie here on site. If you’re anything like me, you use power tools every day.

These are the tools of our trade, but how often do we stop and think are we using them safely?

These machines and appliances can cause serious injury, even death, so it’s absolutely essential that you know how to use them safely.

You can move from being safe to unsafe in less than a second, so let’s take a minute to talk about the key safety rules.

So the first rule is have you been trained to use the tool? If not, don’t use it. Leave it alone.

Is the machine or appliance in perfect working order? Are the guards in place? Does it have a current safety tag? Has it been serviced to the manufacturer’s specification?

Hey, and what about you? Are you good to go? Are you drug and alcohol free? Do you have the right PPE? Have you got rid of any distractions, especially your phone, and are you fully focused and concentrating on the task?

Have you planned your workload to eliminate risks? Is your work area tidy? And what about your mates? Are you keeping them safe as well?

Remember if you’re not 100 percent confident using a tool or an appliance, then do the right thing and stop. See your supervisor or a safety manager.

Switch on here before you switch on there.

**Male worker 1:**

Think safe.

**Male worker 2:**

Work safe.

**Nick:**

Go home safe.

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