

**WAC 296-56-60099 Hand tools.** (1) You must maintain hand tools used by employees in safe operating condition.

(2) You must make sure hand-held portable electric tools are equipped with switches that must be manually held in a closed position to operate the tool.

(a) Portable power-driven circular saws must be equipped with guards above and below the base plate or shoe.

(b) The upper guard must cover the saw to the depth of the teeth, except for the minimum arc needed to permit the base to be tilted for bevel cuts.

(c) The lower guard must cover the saw to the depth of the teeth, except for the minimum arc needed to allow proper retraction and contact with the work. When the tool is withdrawn from the work, the lower guard must automatically and instantly return to the covering position.

(3) You must make sure only cutting tools are used to cut metal strapping or banding used to secure cargo.

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