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SCI Safety Tip: The supervisor's responsibility for tool safety

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Supervisors are responsible for the safety and health of their employees. This holds true when ensuring employees are using tools safely.

The National Safety Council recommends that supervisors have a centralized tool room and tool room attendant, if possible. An attendant can help make recommendations for employees on using the right kind of tool as well as when to replace an old or damaged tool.

If an attendant is not an option, supervisors should check over tools weekly, NSC states. If your company allows workers to use their own personal tools, ensure the tools meet any necessary standards. Do not allow employees to use unsafe tools.

Using hand tools in unsafe ways is a major cause of injuries for workers. According to the 2014 edition of the council's "Injury Facts," hand-tool injuries accounted for 43,250 cases involving days away from work in 2011. NSC recommends the following tips to help keep employees safe when working with hand tools:

- Use a bucket or bag to hoist tools from the ground to the worker. Do not carry tools up a ladder by hand.

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- Never leave tools unattended and untethered in areas where they could present a fall hazard to workers below.
- Carry pointed tools in a toolbox or cart; never carry in a pocket.
- Regularly inspect tools and ensure workers know the signs of a damaged tool. Encourage reporting of unsafe tools.
- Have plenty of extra tools available in the event a worker needs a new, safe tool.
- Buy quality products. Many tools, including cutters, hammers and rock drills, should be made of steel and be heat-treated.
- Maintain tools. Tools require regular maintenance, whether by grinding or sharpening. Follow the manufacturer's directions.
- Do not ignore handles. Handles should be properly attached and, if made from wood, free of splinters.



It is the supervisor's job to ensure the tools his or her workers use are safe. This can be accomplished by following four basic work practices:

- Ensure workers use the right tool for their specific job.
- Ensure workers are using tools properly.
- Regularly inspect and properly maintain tools in good working order.
- Keep tools in a safe place

OSHA News: OSHA Cites Chicago Container Manufacturer After 4 Workers Suffer Injuries

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CHICAGO, IL – A Chicago manufacturer of rigid metal, plastic, and hybrid containers faces \$503,380 in proposed penalties after inspectors from the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) responded to four separate reports of workers suffering injuries at the facility.

As a result of its investigations, OSHA cited BWAY Corporation for five [repeated](#) and five serious safety violations of [machine safety procedures](#), and placed the company in [its Severe Violator Enforcement Program](#). In the past five years, 15 workers suffered amputations at the Chicago plant.

"Lack of machine safety guards and procedures contribute to multiple employee injuries nationwide each year," said OSHA Area Director Kathy Webb, in Chicago. "Companies must continuously monitor their facilities, and review procedures and training to ensure employees are protected from machine hazards."

OSHA found one employee suffered two broken bones in his hand after it was crushed by a piece of equipment. Three other employees suffered amputations from [unguarded](#) chain and sprocket assemblies.

The agency issued repeated citations for failing to train workers [in lockout/tagout](#) procedures that prevent unintentional machine movement, and inadequate machine guarding on a mechanical power press, belts and pulleys, and chains and sprockets. The five serious citations involve failing to lockout equipment prior to clearing jams and inadequate machine guarding on multiple pieces of equipment.

Based in Atlanta, Georgia, the company has 27 facilities and about 4,000 employees in the United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico – with about 500 employees in Chicago.



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Quick Tips for Healthy Living

Adding more fruits and vegetables to your daily diet

- Add to what you're already eating: Some examples include: Add fruit to your yogurt or cereal. Add additional vegetables to your soup. Put lettuce, tomato, cucumber, avocados and peppers on your sandwich. Top your pancakes with dried or fresh fruit. Add apples, pears, pineapple, grapes, or raisins to tuna or chicken salad.
- Be Prepared: Purchase pre-packaged cut up fruits and vegetable to reduce prep time. Keep a bowl of fruit on the counter. Have dried fruits on hand to grab and go. Have frozen or canned vegetables on hand to go with any meal.
- Zest it up: Try preparing vegetables with different seasonings and herbs such as basil, tarragon, and rosemary. Grill, steam, microwave or roast your vegetables for different flavors. Dip your veggies in different dressings, yogurts, hummus or almond butter.
- Challenge yourself to eat a rainbow of colors: Make a fruit salad with all the colors of a rainbow. Roast a vegetable medley using each color. Try a fruit or vegetable you have never tried before.
- Eat seasonable vegetables and fruit: Eating produce that is in season is not only more budget friendly, it also has the best flavor. Visit your local farmers market to get some fruits and vegetables in your area. Find a list of seasonal fruits and vegetables from the Fruits and Veggies More Matters Organization's website.
- Track what you are eating: Logging your food will help illustrate the percentage of each food category you are eating. If you are not eating enough fruits and vegetables it will be obvious in the tracker.

The company has 15 business days from receipt of its [citations](#) and penalties to comply, request an informal conference with OSHA's area director, or contest the findings before the independent [Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission](#).

To ask questions, obtain compliance assistance, file a complaint, or report amputations, eye loss, workplace hospitalizations, fatalities, or situations posing imminent danger to workers, the public should call OSHA's toll-free hotline at 800-321-OSHA (6742) or the agency's Chicago South Area Office at 708-342-2840.

Under the [Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970](#), employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. OSHA's role is to ensure these conditions for America's working men and women by setting and enforcing standards, and providing training, education and assistance. For more information, visit <http://www.osha.gov>.



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