

Hand Tools

Compared to a lathe RPM, hand tools may And by and large, they tools. Nevertheless, anyone who has hit a or gashed a hand with a



spinning at 4,000 appear innocuous. are safer than power they can hurt, as thumb with a hammer knife can attest.

Safety rules

1. Use the right tool as it was designed
Improvisation can for the job and use it to be used.
lead to injury.
2. Make sure any edge tools you use – knives, chisels, carving tools, planes, etc. – are *sharp*. Dull edges require excessive force, and that can lead to accidents.
3. Carry pointed tools by your side with the points and heavy ends down.
4. Whenever possible, secure your workpiece with a vice or clamp.
5. Keep both hands behind the blade of a chisel or knife and out of the path of a saw. Don't cut toward any part of your body.
6. When you need to pull a knife to make a cut, make sure that you pull it to the side of your body.