

PORTABLE POWER TOOLS

[WAC 296-807](#)

Use of portable power tools at Whitman College shall comply with WAC 296-807 (entire chapter). Supervisors shall determine what additional restrictions, if any, may apply. Supervisors shall ensure employees know how to use portable power tools safely before first allowing their use. Portable power tools shall be used and maintained in accordance with manufacturer requirements.

Training

- At least annually employees and supervisors should review the Labor and Industries presentation entitled "[Hand Tool Use and Selection Principles](#)"
- When a new type of portable power tool is introduced into the workplace supervisors shall ensure each employee who may use it is familiar with its operation and maintenance requirements
- Supervisors shall train employees how to recognize and report maintenance issues with portable power tools, and how to remove them from service

Operational Requirements

- Supervisors shall ensure employees know how to safely operate each portable power tool they're assigned
- Employees must inspect tools and cords before and after use to ensure they're safe
- Damaged or defective tools shall be marked "Out of Service" and removed from service until they're repaired or disposed
- Employees shall familiarize themselves with the requirements for individual tools identified in WAC 296-807 before using them
- Tools shall be marked and labeled as required by WAC 296-807
- Safety guards and devices shall be used in accordance with WAC 296-807 and manufacturer instructions