# Managing risks in manufacturing workplaces:Assessing risks — Power tools

Regulatory requirements related to power tools include sections [7.10 to 7.16](https://www.worksafebc.com/en/law-policy/occupational-health-safety/searchable-ohs-regulation/ohs-regulation/part-07-noise-vibration-radiation-and-temperature#SectionNumber:7.10) and [Part 12](https://www.worksafebc.com/en/law-policy/occupational-health-safety/searchable-ohs-regulation/ohs-regulation/part-12-tools-machinery-and-equipment) of the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation. See also the related [OHS Guidelines](https://www.worksafebc.com/en/law-policy/occupational-health-safety/searchable-ohs-regulation/ohs-guidelines/guidelines-part-12).

For information and resources on this topic, see the [Power tools](https://www.worksafebc.com/en/health-safety/tools-machinery-equipment/power-tools) page on worksafebc.com. For assistance using this questionnaire, see [How to use the self-evaluation tool](https://www.worksafebc.com/en/resources/health-safety/information-sheets/managing-risks-manufacturing-how-to-use-self-evaluation).

Power tools

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| 1. Have you conducted a risk assessment for the power tools your workers use?

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No Describe how you carried out this assessment:      |
| 1. Have workers experienced injuries or incidents involving power tools?

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  N/A If so, how have those injuries been considered in the risk assessment?      |
| 1. What is your process for selecting the right tool for the job?

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| 1. What role do the manufacturer’s instructions play in your firm’s use of power tools?

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| 1. What is your inspection and maintenance process specific to power tools?

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| 1. Have all power tools been fitted with effective safeguards?

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  N/A Description (where applicable):      |
| 1. Are power tools included in your lockout program?

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  N/A Description (where applicable):      |
| 1. How do you de-energize and lock out soft-wired (plugged) equipment?

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**Action plan for power tools**

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