

# Hand Tools - Yard

- We use many hand tools as part of our jobs. These may be powered tools like grinders or they may be non-powered tools like hammers and spanners.
- Although these tools are smaller and look less dangerous than big machines and heavy tools they can still cause serious injuries.
- Hand tools should be checked each time they are used. If they are powered tools always check the cable to make sure it is not damaged. Make sure heads of hammers are securely attached.
- Hand tools must be stored in the appropriate area. This will not only ensure they remain in good condition by keeping them clean and dry but will also ensure they don't get lost.
- If you need to carry small tools then make sure you have a belt or a box to carry them in. Never climb a ladder with tools in your hands. If you are working at height with small tools then make sure they are stored securely somewhere that they cannot fall & injure someone.
- Always make sure that you have the appropriate tool for the job. Using the wrong size/weight of tool is a common cause of accidents.



**Q. What are hand tools?**

**Q. Where should hand tools be stored?**

**Q. What should you check before you use a hammer?**