

Screwdrivers

Introduction

Screwdrivers are often misused as chisels, pry bars, or punches. This misuse leads to broken tips, flying metal fragments, and hand punctures. Always use screwdrivers for their intended purpose and ensure the tip matches the screw head.

Hazards & Controls

Using the wrong size tip : Match the screwdriver to the screw head to prevent slips.

Damaged handles or shafts : Replace worn or cracked screwdrivers immediately.

Excessive force : Stop if the tip slips or the screw will not turn. Reassess the fastener and choose an appropriate method; a power driver is not automatically safer.

Safety Reminders

Keep tips correctly shaped and undamaged. Do not grind or alter a tip unless the manufacturer permits it.

Never carry screwdrivers in your pocket with the tip exposed.

Do not treat a plastic handle as electrical insulation. Electrical work requires qualified personnel, rated tools, and the required de-energization and safe-work procedures.

Engagement Questions

Why is it unsafe to use a screwdriver as a pry bar?

What can happen if you use the wrong size screwdriver on a screw?

Sources and use notice

[CCOHS: Screwdrivers](#)

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