

Files and Chisels

Introduction

Files and chisels are effective tools for shaping and finishing materials, but they can be dangerous if misused. A file without a handle or a chisel struck with the wrong hammer can cause severe injuries. Proper use extends tool life and keeps workers safe.

Hazards & Controls

Exposed file tang : Use a properly fitted handle on tang-type hand files to protect against puncture injuries.

Incorrect striking tool : Select the hammer or mallet specified for the chisel type. Wood chisels and metalworking struck tools have different requirements.

Flying chips : Wear safety glasses when chiseling or filing.

Safety Reminders

Keep cutting edges sharp for clean work.

Never strike a file. Remove chisels or other struck tools with mushroomed or damaged heads from service for authorized repair or replacement.

Store files and chisels separately to protect edges.

Engagement Questions

What type of hammer should be used with chisels?

Why must a tang-type hand file have a properly fitted handle?

Sources and use notice

[CCOHS: Struck tools](#)

[CCOHS: Wood chisels](#)

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