



## SKILLS California

### Hand/ Power Tool Contest Pre-use Inspection Form

An inspection of all tools before use is a good practice to develop. To ensure the safety of all contestants Skills Ca will now require all contestants to inspect their tools with the attached form prior to the contestant starting their competition. Some portable power tools require a more thorough inspection. Please check the manufacturer's recommendation for a more advanced inspection.

**Before using hand tools inspect for the following:**

- The outside of the tool is free of grease, oil and accumulated foreign matter
- The tool has no visible cracks in jaws or handle
- Blades or bits are not damaged, cracked, etc.
- Handles are not cracked, damaged or loose from heads of hammers, axes mauls and other similar tools
- Tips of screwdrivers, chisels or other similar tools show no excessive wear
- Gripping surfaces pliers, wrenches or other similar tools are not worn
- Tools such as chisels and punches do not have mushroomed heads
- Cutting tools such as chisels and axes are sharp
- Tool appears to be in generally good condition

**Before using portable power tools inspect for the following:**

- The outside of the tool is free of grease, oil and accumulated foreign matter
- Tool power-source shows no damage (cord, airline, battery, etc.)
- Tool is double insulated and tool housing is not damaged
- If so equipped, electrical cord third prong (ground) is intact
- All shields, guards or attachments required by OSHA or manufacturer are present
- Rotating or moving parts of tool are guarded to prevent physical contact
- Tool is not leaking fluid such as grease, oil etc.
- Blades or bits are not damaged, cracked, etc.
- Tool appears to be in generally good condition
- Proper PPE is available

