

Important Safety Tips for DIY Enthusiasts

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But while the number of DIY enthusiasts rises, so do common workplace injuries including smashed fingers and sprained wrists.

"I hear stories all the time about people mixing the wrong chemicals or starting projects that are really above their level of expertise," says TV personality and Redback Tools owner, Jake Tyson.

"Most accidents can be avoided if people simply use the necessary safety gear and take the time to read instructions."

Tyson recommends people take the following precautions when tackling DIY projects around the home.

Jake Tyson's Top 6 DIY Safety Tips

1. Always read instructions. Read instructions particularly on paints, glues or anything containing chemicals. Not only will you achieve the best results from the product, you will avoid dangerous reactions of mixing incompatible chemicals together!

2. Always wear safety gear. Eye protection, gloves and proper footwear are essential for most DIY projects and are the easiest way to avoid injury. Always wear safety goggles when using striking tools such as mallets or hammers. Make sure you are using approved safety goggles.

3. Use the correct tool for the job. Always use the right tool for the job and never use a damaged tool. For example hammers should be discarded if the face is chipped or the shaft is damaged.

4. Don't be afraid to ask questions. If you don't know which product to use for a job, the type of glue, paint or cement, ask a DIY expert at your local hardware store, they are a fantastic resource. The internet is another good place to research the best way to get a job done.

5. Get some help. Most jobs can be done better and fast with two people. If a job involves a ladder then two people are essential.

6. Never do anything involving electrical wiring or circuitry unless you are a trained electrician. Some things are best left to the experts.

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Jake Tyson is a carpenter, TV personality and founder of Redback Tools. He has spent the past 8 years redesigning common hand tools to make them safer, more user-friendly and efficient. See Jake Tyson demonstrate DIY projects, step-by-step at HHMan.net.