

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 horror stories all the time about people mixing dangerous chemicals or attempting tasks that are above their level of expertise," says home improvement TV personality and Redback Tools owner, Jake Tyson.

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

Tyson recommends the following safety measures for people tackling DIY projects around the home.

Jake's Top 6 DIY Safety Tips

1. Always read instructions. Read instructions on paint, glue or anything containing chemicals. Not only will you avoid dangerous reactions of mixing incompatible chemicals together, you will also achieve the best results.
2. Always wear the recommended safety gear. Eye protection, gloves and proper footwear are essential for most DIY jobs and are the easiest way to avoid injury. Users and bystanders should 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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