



# SAFETY CORNER



## SAFETY DISCUSSION

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### Power Tool Storage Safety



**Power tools** are a part of everyday life for our crews. They can make certain tasks faster, reach where we can't, or just bring more power to the equation. Safety guidelines are provided so our teams can put these tools to work for them, in the safest way possible. Just as important is how they are stored and transported. Follow these steps to ensure proper tool storage and keep our teams and tools safe from job to job:

1. Remove blades, drill bits, and cutoff wheels when these tools are not in use, are being stored or being transported. This will prevent cuts/stabs, and accidental operation-related injuries when retrieving a tool.
2. Remove the power source when tools are not in use, being stored, or being transported. Tools are not to be left plugged in while driving, or anytime they are not in use. The same principle applies to electrical and/or battery-powered tools. This will conserve the battery; and in the event of accidental pressure on the trigger/power button, it will not damage equipment.
3. Picture #2 was taken from inside a job trailer. The damage shown is the result of a drill, with the battery attached, being placed in a bucket with other items, after the trigger was accidentally engaged. Overheating resulted and caused a subsequent fire. This fire was discovered before any major damage or injury occurred.



PICTURE #2 - Damage to job trailer after a battery-operated drill accidentally engaged and overheated.

**Let's not leave it to luck. REMOVE THE BATTERIES!**

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