At the completion of this unit you shall be able to:

1. Utilize section X of the Safety and Health Hazard Inspection Program Checklist to identify compliant and non-compliant safety behaviors.

2. Identify areas of concern requiring immediate action to mitigate or prevent a possible injury.

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Hand and portable power tools are commonly used, not only in industry but at home as well. This may cause a sense of complacency, so always keep in mind the importance of proper care for the tools.
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It is easy to overlook hazards on hand tools, or figure that it is no big deal. You might think, “I’ll just use it this once.” Most tool manufacturers will build them with adequate safety devices.
It is the purpose of this part of the inspection checklist (section X) to give you information you may need to identify potential issues and corrective actions regarding portable power tools.
Section X of the inspection checklist deals with portable power tools.

Let’s take a closer look at this section.
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1. Protective guards are in place and operable.
2. Portable electrical appliances, tools, devices and other equipment are Listed/Labeled by an OSHA-recognized nationally recognized testing laboratory (NRTL) or are marked with a label indicating acceptance by the Hanford Site authority having jurisdiction (AHJ).
3. Attachment plugs and cords are in good condition with no loose or broken prongs and no frayed or cracked insulation.
4. Portable electrical tools are either the grounded type with an intact ground prong on the attachment plug or are marked on the nameplate as being double-insulated.
5. Where applicable, users of portable electrical tools are protected by Assured Equipment Grounding or GFCI.
6. Hand held portable power tools are equipped with a constant pressure switch or similar means for automatic shut-off control.
7. Pneumatic powered tools, which may eject the work piece, are equipped with a tool retainer.
8. Air hoses are equipped with devices to prevent whipping.
9. Compressed air is used for cleaning only when regulated to 30 psi or less.
10. Air hoses and connections are in good condition.
11. Other.
1. Protective guards are in place and operable.

- OSHA and DOE both require that tools and machines that could cause an injury be properly safeguarded.
- The type of guard usually associated with portable power tools are attached or fixed guards.
1. Protective guards are in place and operable.

- A compliant rating would indicate that the tool had a guard, it was in place, and functioning properly.
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1. Protective guards are in place and operable.

- A non compliant rating would indicate that the tool did not have a guard, it was not in place, or was not functioning properly.

- In this case the guard for the blade had been wedged up so it would expose the entire blade.
2. Portable electrical appliances, tools, devices and other equipment are Listed/Labeled by an OSHA-recognized nationally recognized testing laboratory (NRTL) or are marked with a label indicating acceptance by the authority having jurisdiction (AHJ).

- Electrical equipment on the DOE Site is required to meet Underwriters Laboratory (or UL for short) requirements and be listed.
- This means that the product was tested and found to be safe for use within requirements established by the Laboratory.
- It is also allowed to use equipment that has been tested by some other Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory or NRTL (such as Factory Mutual (FM)).
- Finally the Hanford authority having jurisdiction is allowed to determine acceptability of equipment if meets the equivalent standards of UL or other NRTL.
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• A compliant rating would indicate that all of the portable power tools were listed and labeled with a UL, NRTL, other AHJ listing.
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- A non compliant rating would indicate that all of the portable power tools were not listed and labeled with a UL, NRTL, other AHJ listing.

This “Portable Lamp” has no markings to indicate that it is safe or has been tested.
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3. Attachment plugs and cords are in good condition with no loose or broken prongs and no frayed or cracked insulation.

- This item is to ensure that the cords and plugs are in a condition to safely power the tool they serve.
- Age, chemicals, environment, abrasion, etc. can damage cords and reduce or eliminate their insulation quality.
- Misuse or hard usage can cause damage to plugs as well, causing them to fail.
- A failure of either the cord or the plug can create an electrocution or fire hazard for the user.
3. Attachment plugs and cords are in good condition with no loose or broken prongs and no frayed or cracked insulation.

- A compliant rating would indicate that the cord of the tool or any associated extension cords were in good shape, no abrasions or modifications/damage to the plugs.
3. Attachment plugs and cords are in good condition with no loose or broken prongs and no frayed or cracked insulation.

• A non compliant rating would indicate that the cord’s integrity was compromised.
• This would include:
  – Abrasion

The outer insulation of this cord has been damaged due to abrading on a sharp corner or edge.
3. Attachment plugs and cords are in good condition with no loose or broken prongs and no frayed or cracked insulation.

- A non compliant rating would indicate that the cord’s integrity was compromised.
- This would include:
  - Abrasion
  - Overheating

The cord above was wound about a storage reel and used. (Not recommended by the manufacturer) The heat build up melted the insulation.
3. Attachment plugs and cords are in good condition with no loose or broken prongs and no frayed or cracked insulation.

- A non compliant rating would indicate that the cord’s integrity was compromised.
- This would include:
  - Abrasion
  - Overheating
  - Burns from arcs

The plug above had been shorted when it came into contact with metal causing arcing and melting of the blade.
3. Attachment plugs and cords are in good condition with no loose or broken prongs and no frayed or cracked insulation.

- A non compliant rating would indicate that the cord’s integrity was compromised.
- This would include:
  - Abrasion
  - Overheating
  - Burns from arcs
  - Questionable “Repairs”

If a cord or plug are damaged they need to be repaired in a manner that the original protection/function is maintained. This is not that kind of repair.
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- This would include:
  - Abrasion
  - Overheating
  - Burns from arcs
  - Questionable “Repairs”
  - Modifications of plugs

The purpose of the longer prong on a 3 pronged plug to assure grounding of the tool, many times this is improperly removed or an adapter is used so that a 2 prong outlet can be used. This is not allowed!
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4. Portable electrical tools are either the grounded type with an intact ground prong on the attachment plug or are marked on the nameplate as being double-insulated.

- Portable power tools come in two types of designs. Let’s discuss these designs in detail:
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4. Portable electrical tools are either the grounded type with an intact ground prong on the attachment plug or are marked on the nameplate as being double-insulated.

• Metal case tools are designed so that if a problem with the motor were to occur and could cause the case to become energized (and possibly shock you) are required to have a grounding plug.
• This plug has three prongs, the circular and longest is called the grounding prong and will make sure that any electrical charge on the case will be directed away from the user.
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- You need to look at this prong and make sure it is in place and safe.
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- The second type is designed so that any electrical problem that could occur in the tool an insulating barrier (in addition to the insulation of the motor, wires, etc. itself) is in place. Often this is an plastic case.
- This type of tool will have a two prong plug in place and will have a permanent stamp “Double-Insulated” on the tool itself.
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4. Portable electrical tools are either the grounded type with an intact ground prong on the attachment plug or are marked on the nameplate as being double-insulated.

• A compliant rating on this item would indicate that the plug had been inspected. If the tool was grounded it had the grounding prong in place. If it was an ungrounded tool the tool itself was double insulated and marked.
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4. Portable electrical tools are either the grounded type with an intact ground prong on the attachment plug or are marked on the nameplate as being double-insulated.

- A non compliant rating on this item would indicate that the plug was either inappropriate, damaged, or modified.
5. Where applicable, users of portable electrical tools are protected by Assured Equipment Grounding or GFCI.

- The greatest risk of electrocution when using portable power tools occurs out of doors, in damp or wet area, or near grounded metal (piping, metal buildings, etc.)
- This would be typically during construction or maintenance operations.
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5. Where applicable, users of portable electrical tools are protected by Assured Equipment Grounding or GFCI.

- This is usually accomplished for grounded electrical tools by:
  - Assured Equipment grounding program.

This is a program where a qualified, designated electrical worker checks to ensure that the grounding wire is intact and the tool is in a safe condition.
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- This is usually accomplished for grounded electrical tools by:
  - Assured Equipment grounding program.
  - Use of GFCI’s in affected areas or whenever the tool is used with an extension cord. (The cord is placed on the receptacle end.)
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5. Where applicable, users of portable electrical tools are protected by Assured Equipment Grounding or GFCI.

- A compliant rating would indicate that the use of GFCI’s or the use of an assured Equipment Grounding Program was in place.
5. Where applicable, users of portable electrical tools are protected by Assured Equipment Grounding or GFCI.

- A non compliant rating would indicate that neither an equipment ground program was in place, followed, or GFCI’s were not used if prescribed by the conditions.
6. Hand held portable power tools are equipped with a constant pressure switch or similar means for automatic shut-off control.

- The purpose behind this item is to verify that portable power tools are designed so that if you relieve the pressure on the switch it will automatically shut off.
- A few types of tools are designed with a button or lock that will allow the tool to remain running when the pressure on the switch is removed (such as on this drill).
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6. Hand held portable power tools are equipped with a constant pressure switch or similar means for automatic shut-off control.

- If the applicable power tools (saws, mototools, drills, etc) have a spring loaded trigger that is operational and is not tied down or otherwise defeated then this issue is compliant.

- A non compliant rating would indicate that there is a problem and the tools should not be used.
Pneumatic powered tools, which may eject the work piece, are equipped with a tool retainer.

- Pneumatic (air operated) tools that have the potential of ejecting a bit or drill must have a locking device in place to prevent this from happening.
- A type of locking device would be similar to a bale on this jackhammer that keeps the bit from being ejected.
- An ejected bit could hit someone and cause a serious injury.
7. Pneumatic powered tools, which may eject the work piece, are equipped with a tool retainer.

- A compliant rating would indicate all affected pneumatic tools would meet this requirement and have a means of locking bits/blades in place.
- A non compliant rating would indicate this was not the case and the tool needs to be taken out of service and noted on your inspection checklist.
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8. Air hoses are equipped with devices to prevent whipping.

• Whipping Hose Danger: If an electric cord were to break, there is generally not much danger unless you come in contact with the conductors. However, a severed air hose can whip around violently until the air is shut off. You may be injured by the whipping hose or while scrambling to get out of its way.
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- To protect you from this you need to use a cable similar to this that is a safety band designed to contain the hose should it disconnect.
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- To protect you from this you need to use a cable similar to this that is a safety band designed to contain the hose should it disconnect.
- Many types of smaller pneumatic tools use quick disconnect fittings as these. You need to ensure that the tool has the male fitting, and the hose the female. The female fitting is designed to close and seal the air if the male is not inserted.
8. Air hoses are equipped with devices to prevent whipping.

- A compliant rating would indicate that the air (pneumatic) lines were designed to prevent them from whipping either by the use of an appropriate quick disconnect or a restraint wire.
- A non compliant rating would indicate that this was not the case and would need to be addressed.
9. Compressed air is used for cleaning only when regulated to 30 psi or less.

- One of the tools used commonly in shops is compressed air not only to power pneumatic tools but also to clean surfaces (that will not create an atmospheric hazard).
- Among the dangers associated with this is the possibility of dirt, oil, or other chemicals possibly being injected into the person.
- The use of compressed air to inject chemicals into a person is the basis for the use of “Inoculation Guns” that have been used for over 40 years.
Compressed air is used for cleaning only when regulated to 30 psi or less.

- Regulations require that the pressure at the surface of the exhaust of any air nozzle used for cleaning be limited to < 30 psig. This may be done by the use of an in line air regulator or a “safety nozzle” designed to divert the air to keep the pressure below this level.
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9. Compressed air is used for cleaning only when regulated to 30 psi or less.

- A compliant rating would be given if either the air pressure is limited to <30 psig or the used a safety nozzle is noted.
- A non compliant rating would indicate that air pressure in excess of 30 psig is being used for cleaning and can pose a hazard.
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10. Air hoses and connections are in good condition.

• The purpose of this item is to ensure that the tools, hoses, and their connectors are good working condition.
• A compliant rating would indicate that this was the case.
• A non compliant rating indicates that the tools, hose, or connectors are damaged or worn.
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Thank you for your time and desire to help us have a safer workplace