







**Prevent Occupational Traumatic Brain Injury due to
Contact With Objects and Equipment**



	<p>In 2015, contact with objects and equipment was the 2nd leading cause of lost-time injuries and the 4th leading cause of occupational fatalities^[1].</p>
	<p>When performing overhead work, secure all tools and materials. Toe-boards, screens, and debris nets should be utilized when necessary.</p>
	<p>When working with hand tools, check the handle for splintering or cracking. If the handle is damaged, the head of the tool may come off during use.</p>
	<p>When working with power tools, inspect the machinery and any applicable guards before use. Use only in accordance with manufacturer specifications.</p>
	<p>Never work under suspended loads. No employee should be within the fall zone unless engaged in hooking, unhooking, or guiding the load.</p>
	<p>Do not store materials within 6 feet of hoist way/floor openings, nor within 10 feet of an exterior wall which doesn't extend above material.</p>

[1] <https://www.bls.gov/iif/oshcfoi1.htm#2016>