

## Troop 22's Rule on Power Tools

Troop 22 has had an unwritten policy, which it is now formalizing; this rule supersedes the BSA National policy. Effective March 29, 2004, Troop 22's rule is that:

The use of all power tools by Scouts is prohibited, except for those listed below. An exception **may** be made for an Eagle project to include some less dangerous power tools, permission for which would be granted by the Scoutmaster and the Committee Chairperson by their approval of the Eagle project where the specific tool, and its use is, outlined.

Troop 22 prohibits the use of all power tools **except for**:

- Battery powered drills used for drilling holes or driving screws or bolts
- Battery powered screwdrivers for driving screws or bolts.
  
- Before a power tool is used the Eagle candidate will give instructions on its proper use and its safety features.
- All tools are expected to be properly serviced and maintained and used for their intended purpose.
- Anyone in the proximity, when a power tool is being used, will use appropriate safety equipment.

BSA prohibits the use of chain saws and log splitters by scouts (reference *Guide to Safe Scouting* page 42).

BSA allows the use of power tools by scouts (reference *Guide to Safe Scouting* pull-out appendix).

Chester County Council camps do not allow scouts to use any powered (electric or gas) tools.