

TROOP 22's RULES FOR SAFETY AND POWER TOOLS

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Troop 22's Rule on Power Tools

Troop 22 had an unwritten policy, which was formalized in 2004; this rule supersedes the BSA National policy. **The use of all power tools by Scouts (youth) is prohibited, except for those listed below.** An exception may be made for an Eagle Project to include some less dangerous power tool(s), permission for which would be granted by the Scoutmaster and the Committee Chairman by their approval of an Eagle project where the specific tool, and its use is outlined.

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

- Battery powered drills used for drilling holes or driving screws or bolts.
- Battery powered screwdrivers for driving screws or bolts
- Sewing machines.

Procedure:

- 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.

Troop 22's Guidelines for Safety and Adult Supervision

As stated in the Eagle Scout Project Workbook, two (2) Adults must be available at each work session. At least one should be youth protection trained. This training is available on-line at <http://olc.scouting.org>.

Scouts should provide their volunteers with water, sunscreen and/or tick repellent, etc. as the parameters of the project indicate. A First-Aid kit and cell phone should be available in case of emergency