

EXTENSION CORD SAFETY

BEST PRACTICES

- **Check cords** before each use.
- **Discard** old or damaged cords.
- **Pull on the plug** and not the cord when unplugging an extension cord.
- **Never** break the third (grounding) prong.
- **UL-approved** cords should always be used.
- **Indoor/outdoor-rated cords** should be used where appropriate.
- **Use** an extension cord that meets the power needs of your tool.

DURING USE

DO NOT:

- Use an extension cord that feels hot.
- Use extension cords for permanent wiring.
- Overload extension cords with items exceeding their intended power usage.
- Run extension cords through walls, ceilings, or floors.
- Cover extension cords with carpet or rugs.
- Nail or staple extension cords to walls or baseboards.
- Plug extension cords into each other.
- Use extension cords that are wet.
- Use extension cords in snow or water.

