

PestSure Safety Tips

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A five-minute training Series for Pest Management Professionals.

Safely Handling a Rotary Hammer Drill

Many of you deal with termite work that involves extensive drilling. Drilling is a very straightforward action that requires special attention to safety. Safe handling of a Rotary Hammer Drill is important and must be practiced at all times. There are several safety measures to consider while using these drills. The work area, electrical safety, personal safety, tool use and care, personal protective equipment and service all need to be considered while working on a termite application and using a drill.

Keep equipment clear of explosive atmospheres, like flammable liquids, gases, or dust. Make sure the area is clear of any bystanders while operating your drill. Any type of distraction can cause you to lose control creating the opportunity for injury.

Keys to Avoiding Injury While Operating a Drill

- Make sure tools are plugged into an outlet properly installed and grounded in accordance with all codes and ordinances.
- Never adapt a grounded prong or modify the plug in any way. Do not use adapter plugs.
- Do not use the tool in rainy or wet conditions because this will increase the risk of electrical shock.
- Keep the cord in good condition and keep it away from heat, oil, sharp edges or moving parts.

If you detect any problem in the power cord condition, replace it immediately. When you operate a power tool outside, use an extension cord made specifically for outdoor use to reduce the risk of electric shock.



Personal Safety Pointers

- Always stay alert, and mindful of your task when operating a drill.
- Avoid using a drill or any power tool if you are tired, under the influence of alcohol or drugs or smoking a cigarette.
- Always dress properly (Do not wear loose clothing or jewelry). Keep your hair, clothing and gloves away from moving parts.
- Use stable footing at all times while operating a drill. Proper footing and balance enable better control of the tool when unexpected situations occur.
- Always use the appropriate PPE (personal protective equipment) for your eyes, ears and hands.

Keep the operations manual with you while using the tool. Maintenance of the tool is important and must be performed only by qualified repair personnel. Focus on the job at hand, follow the manual's instructions, and know the hazards present in your work area.

