

Subject: Use of damaged tools in maintenance operations at health facilities.

Addressed to: Regional Maintenance Manager, Maintenance Engineers and Technicians

The Problem: A fire in one of the ministry hospitals caused by defected tool.

Recommendations:

1. You must make sure that all maintenance tools are working properly before using them.
2. Do not use any defective tools or equipment.
3. You must ensure the safety of all connections, wiring and electrical installations.
4. You should follow the manufacturer's instructions in how to operate the tools.
5. PPM must be conducted on all maintenance tools and equipment and its accessories.
6. All tools and equipment must be grounded before usage.
7. You must make sure there is no leak in cooling water , oil, gas or fuel.
8. Do not use wet electrical tools till it is fully dried.
9. Technician must report any tools defect to his supervisor.
10. Only trained technicians are authorized in using the tools.
11. Work permit must be obtained prior to any high risk works (welding, medical gases, confined spaces).
12. Make sure to wear suitable Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) before using tools.