



Safety Tip of the Week

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Nail Gun Safety - Do's and Don'ts

Nail guns are powerful, easy to operate, and boost productivity for nailing tasks. They are responsible for an estimated 37,000 emergency room visits each year. Severe nail gun injuries have led to worker deaths.



Follow these “Do’s” To Minimize the Risk of Using Nail Guns

- Take broken or malfunctioning nail guns out of service immediately.
- Set up operations so that workers are not in the line of fire from nail guns being operated by co-workers.
- Check lumber surfaces before nailing. Look for knots, nails, straps, hangers, etc. that could cause recoil or ricochet.
- Always shoot nail guns away from your body and away from co-workers
- Never bypass or disable nail gun safety features. This is strictly prohibited.
- Encourage your workers to keep their fingers off the trigger when holding or carrying a nail gun.
- Never lower the nail gun from above or drag the tool by the hose. If the nail-gun hose gets caught on something, don't pull on the hose. Go find the problem and release the hose.

Safety is a frame of mind - So concentrate on it - all the time!