

SAFE PRACTICE GUIDELINES

Definition: "Nail gun" refers to all pneumatic driven fasteners, including staple guns, brad nailers, pneulek, sheathing guns, framing guns, and finishing guns.

1. Always wear eye protection when using a nail gun.
Note: It is recommended that ear protection be worn when repetitive nailing is performed during sheathing, shear panel and panelized roofing operations.
2. Treat the nail gun as if it was a firearm; never point it at anyone. Place your finger on the trigger only when you are preparing to shoot nails.
Note: It is recommended that when not firing the nail gun; place your finger behind the trigger.
3. Always keep work area, stairs, and walkways reasonably clear of tripping or slipping hazards which may result from the placement of the air hoses. Remove items or debris which could inadvertently catch the air hose
4. Never carry nail gun with finger on trigger.
5. Never use a nail gun which is defective nor remove or modify any safety device on the nail gun.
6. Never hammer anything with a nail gun or use it to position materials.
7. Never exceed manufacturer recommended maximum air pressure.
8. Always work from a secure and stable location where you can keep your balance when operating a nail gun.
9. Never fire a nail gun in the direction of yourself or others, even when you are nailing the stock or material.
10. When working on roofs, always secure the hose to provide ample, but not excessive, amounts of hose.
11. To prevent ricochets or deflections when nailing on framing hardware, only use nail guns and fasteners designed for this purpose.
12. When toenailing, always keep the area clear in the direction where the nail might ricochet or deflect off laterally.

DISCONNECT AIR HOSE AND REMOVE ALL AIR PRESSURE FROM NAIL GUN BEFORE

1. Performing maintenance or inspection
2. Clearing a jam
3. Repairing, inspecting or adjusting nail gun

TO HELP PREVENT INJURY FROM DOUBLE BOUNCE FIRING OR RICHOCHETING NAILS:

1. Never place your hands or feet closer than 8 inches from firing head when driving nails.
Note: In tight or inaccessible locations, use an appropriate tool such as a hammer or palm nailer.
2. Never operate a nail gun in a cramped or crowded location where you do not have full control of the gun.
3. Nail guns should only be operated in the full sequential mode, if so equipped (requiring pulling the trigger for each nail shot), except when doing production nailing on sheathing, shear wall or panelized roof structures.

This document is intended to be a used as a guide to safe work practices and not legal advice. Prior to use of these guidelines, it is recommended that the user seek advice of individual legal counsel or expert consultation regarding its applicability to one's organization. The user may choose to use all or part of these guidelines; however, these guidelines should only be used as a supplemental part of ones complete safety program. Other regulations, statutes, or laws may be applicable to the operations that are not identified or made part of these guidelines.