

Nail Gun Safety

According to OSHA, nail gun injuries are responsible for approximately 37,000 emergency room visits annually. In some cases, workers have died from their injuries. This checklist will help improve nail gun safety and protect you from preventable injuries and death.

- As in any slab handling activity, be sure to inspect all of the systems, tools and supplies you will be using to unload the container.
- Wear safety glasses.
- Always set firing pressure at manufacturer's recommendations.
- Do not defeat safety devices.
- Keep hands and feet clear at all times.
- Do not exceed weight or number of slab limit of A-frames (some are labeled – if not, check with your supervisor).
- Identify the area in which you will be unloading, and then check out the fall shadow from the container and stay out of that area when slabs are being moved.
- Never allow anyone in your work zone because it can cause distractions which may cause you to lose focus on the task at hand.
- Only use a sequential style nail gun, these do not allow bump firing. The nose has to be depressed before the trigger can be pulled.
- Keep finger off trigger when not driving nails.
- Avoid line of fire hazards in front of and behind material; position yourself (especially your free hand) out of the line of fire. Never point nail gun at anyone. Watch for coworkers behind the nailing surface.
- Disconnect or remove power source from gun to perform maintenance, move to another work area, or clear jams.
- Train on safe operating procedures, proper body placement and correct PPE use.
- Stay alert! Stay alive!



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