



ARCO SAFE TOOL BOX TALKS

Hand & Power Tools:

Pneumatic Tools

Pneumatic tools make life much easier... when they're used and cared for properly!

BASIC RULES TO FOLLOW:

- NEVER point air guns at another person!
- Check to make sure the air hose is properly fastened to the tool. A positive locking device must be in place, to prevent "whiplash".
- Make sure a safety clip or retainer is installed to prevent attachments, such as chisels on a chipping hammer from being ejected during tool operation.
- A safety excess flow valve must be installed on all hoses more than 1/2" diameter. This will reduce the pressure if the hose fails.
- Protect the hose from damage. Just like you would an extension cord, protect from pinch points and sharp edges.
- Make sure that pneumatic tools that shoot nails, staples, rivets, etc. are equipped with a special device to keep fasteners from being ejected unless the muzzle is pressed against the work surface.
- Do NOT use compressed air for cleaning unless the pressure is reduced to less than 30psi.

PPE

Make sure you're using the appropriate PPE. In addition to our standard PPE, you may be required to wear full face shields, or hearing protection when operating jack hammers.

EMPLOYEE TRAINING

No matter what tool it is, you must be trained to use it!

OSHA requires the following training for employees using tools:

- Only employees qualified by training or experience can operate equipment and machinery. 1926.20(b)(4)
- Employees must be trained to recognize and avoid unsafe conditions & the regulations applicable to their work environment to control or eliminate any hazards or other exposure to illness or injury. 1926.20(b)(2)

Refer to OSHA Subpart I and the ARCO SAFE H&S Manual B-10 for more information.

