

## TOOLBOX TALK #12

### NAIL GUN SAFETY

Before you pick up that nail gun, do you know how to use it safely? Here are a few common causes of injury that the construction industry says are related to improper use of nail guns:

- Unintended firing
- Holding down the contact trigger when the gun isn't firm against the work surface
- Ricocheting or airborne nails
- Nails going through the work surface
- Bypassing safety features



All of this can be avoided. Here's how:

- Keep the nail gun pointed away from your body and other workers, especially when the air supply is connected.
- Disconnect the compressed air if you leave a nail gun unattended, move to a new location with it, hand it off to a coworker, or are performing maintenance.
- Don't reach up and attempt to use the nail gun in a spot you cannot fully see. If you can't reach the work, use a hammer instead.
- Wear personal protective equipment including safety glasses stamped with Z87, hearing protection and safety footwear.
- Make sure you're trained on the safe use and handling of a nail gun.