



Toolbox Safety Talks

Cartridge Operated Tools

- 1)** What are the hazards/injuries involved with cartridge operated tools?
 - a. Lacerations
 - b. Punctures
 - c. Eye injuries
 - d. Death

- 2)** What hazards should be recognized?
 - a. Training
 - b. PPE
 - c. Direction of aim

- 3)** What safe practices should be used when working with cartridge operated tools?
 - a. Always load with barrel pointing in safe direction
 - b. Never walk around on site with a loaded tool/gun
 - c. Never place your hand over the end of the barrel
 - d. Ensure cartridges are suitable for material being fired into (no too powerful) – consider a test fire
 - e. Beware of voids in material being fired into and allow at least 75mm (3”) from edges of concrete or brickwork
 - f. Always hold gun/tool at right angles to material being fired into – ensure splinter guard is resting on surface
 - g. Always wear suitable PPE (eye protection and ear defenders as a minimum)
 - h. In the event of a misfire wait one minute and try again. If still a misfire, then wait a further minute prior to unloading
 - i. Keep guns/tools well maintained and clean – never leave a gun loaded

- 4)** Do we have any cartridge operated tools in need of repair or missing guards?
- 5)** Does everyone have the proper PPE?
- 6)** What is the most hazardous material we use these tools on? Why?
- 7)** Has anyone had an incident or near miss while working with a cartridge operated tool?
- 8)** Are there any other safety issues you would like to discuss?



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Make Time for Safety, Everyday! – Yes, production is important, *but the focus must be on Safe Production!* Keep that in the back of your mind. Don't take risky chances and stay out of harm's way. Nobody goes to work thinking *'I'm going to get hurt or killed on the job, today!'* But every day 15,000-17,000 workers suffer disabling injuries on the job and another 11-17 are killed. *What are you doing to make sure it doesn't happen on your shift?*

Keep stoking the fire; we can't let the 'Safety Train' run out of steam!

Date Presented: _____

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Attendance Sheet
