



# Toolbox Safety Talks

## Cartridge Operated Tools

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- 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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### Attendance Sheet




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