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A power fastening tool safety-training program presented by:

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This "toolbox talk" is for educational purposes only, and should be used in conjunction with a qualified instructor. The intent of this "toolbox talk" is to provide an employer with documented proof that they are committed to safety and are conducting regular on-going safety training for their employees.

For more information on power fastening tool safety go to the International Staple, Nail and Tool Association's website at www.isanta.org

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About Toolbox Talks

A *toolbox talk* is an informal gathering of workers to discuss upcoming safety issues and usually lasts 15-20 minutes.

An effective toolbox talk:

- Is carefully planned;
- Focuses on a few key points;
- Uses examples from personal experience;
- Employs actual tools or equipment for illustrations, and;
- Encourages participation from workers.

You need to
be creative.



" We have a talk about every two weeks; we pick out a different item each time. For the new guys, it's something new. For the old guys, it's a refresher to keep them aware of what could happen."

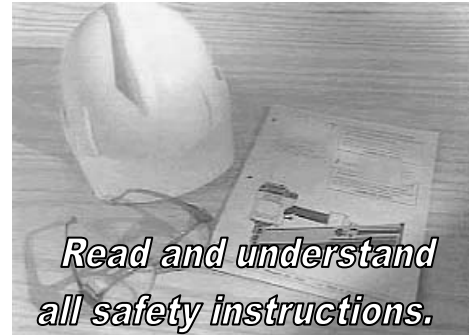
As with other forms of training, the more hands-on experience people get, the quicker they learn and the more they retain. If workers are invited to participate in the meeting, they develop a feeling of ownership in the safety program.

The content of a toolbox talk is important, also the energy and commitment you bring to it. People rapidly sense whether you're serious or just going through the motions. Always leave time at the end of the meeting to sum up and reinforce key points.

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Preparing for Toolbox Talks

To successfully prepare for a toolbox talk on power fastening tools, read and understand all safety instructions provided by the manufacture. The operator's manual must be available during the actual training session and all toolbox talk attendees should have access to its information.



Also, you should be familiar with the various trigger systems for the tool(s) that are going to be used. Tools have trigger options that are most effective for particular jobs. Find out what choices are available for your tools and use the option that can get the job done with the highest level of safety.

Toolbox Talk Don'ts

- Don't ever apologize for taking the time to learn about safety.
- Don't allow disruptions. This will reinforce that safety is just as important as any other company function.

Toolbox Talk Preparation Checklist

- Operator's Manual for Tool
- Safety Glasses
- Hard Hat
- Toolbox Talk on Power Fastening Safety (Pages 1 & 2)

Toolbox Talk: Power Fastening Safety

Date: _____ Given by: _____

Location: _____

Discussion

Tool users, employers, and suppliers all agree on four work habits that are vital to the safe use of power nailers and staplers.

- 1) Choose a trigger system for your specific needs.

Manufacturers offer different kinds of trigger systems. Find out what choices are available for your tools and use the option that fits the job.

Trigger options include:

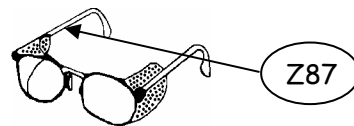
- *Sequential Fire*
- *Bounce Fire*
- *Combination Sequential/Bounce*

- 2) Keep your finger off the trigger when not working.

Unless you're actually driving fasteners, get used to keeping your finger off the trigger.

- 3) Wear safety glasses.

All manufacturers' specify that safety glasses must be worn when using these tools. These safety glasses must conform to the requirements of ANSI Z87.1; look on the frame of the glasses to verify that they meet these requirements.



- 4) Always remember to read and understand all safety instructions.

Products differ between manufacturers and models. Reading and following all instructions and information allows you to use the equipment in the safest way.

