

Hammer Safety

Although hammers appear to be the basic of tools, they can be very dangerous if not used properly and with care. A quality hammer is a safe hammer, but all hammers should be treated with care and respect. Practice makes perfect certainly applies to hammering.



Hammer Safety Precautions

1. Remember to wear safety glasses for all hammering jobs.
2. Make sure the handle of the hammer fits tightly on the head.
3. Do not strike a hard steel surface with a steel hammer. This may cause small pieces of steel to fly and injure someone.
4. Do not use the hammer handle for striking, and never use it as a pry bar. This may cause the handle to split which could result in a cut or pinch to the user.
5. Always strike the surface squarely - avoid glancing blows.
6. Never strike any hammer with or against another hammer.
7. Discard a hammer with a chipped or mushroomed face.
8. Do not use steel hammers on concrete, stone, or hard metal objects.
9. Replace loose or cracked handles.
10. Discard hammers with cracked claws or eye sections.