



## Nail Gun Safety: A Guide for Construction Contractors

Nail guns are widely used on many construction jobs, especially in residential construction. While they boost productivity they may also cause tens of thousands of painful injuries each year. The National Institute on Occupational Safety & Health (NIOSH) has produced a publication intended to provide a resource for residential home builders and construction contractors, subcontractors, and supervisors to prevent these kinds of injuries.

The guidance was developed in response to a unanimous motion by industry, state, and labor stakeholders on OSHA's Advisory Committee for Construction Safety and Health (ACCSH) on the need to develop awareness and materials about nail gun risks. OSHA and NIOSH worked together to make sure the guidance reflects the most current information available.

The guidance highlights what is known about nail gun injuries, including the parts of the body most often injured and the types of severe injuries that have been reported. It describes the common causes of nail gun injuries and provides six practical steps that contractors can take to prevent these injuries. The guidance includes actual workplace cases along with a short section on other types of nail gun hazards and sources of additional information. Our hope is that by working together with tool gun manufacturers, safety and health professionals, and other organizations, we can improve nail gun safety on the job site.

Click here to view or download the NIOSH Guide to Nail Gun Safety:  
<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2011-202/pdfs/2011-202.pdf>

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