



## KCA TOOL BOX TALK: Hammer Safety

The hammer is one of the most commonly used tools in construction. Although it's low-tech, it is a common cause of injuries and accidents.

### Preventing Injuries from Improper Hammer Use:

- Wear safety glasses to protect your eyes.
- Make sure the hammer's handle is safe; be sure it is not loose or damaged.
- Make sure the area around you is clear and that no one is standing behind you.
- Use the right type of hammer for the specific job.
- Never strike hardened steel surfaces with a steel hammer.
- Use a claw hammer for driving nails.
- Use a soft metal hammer or one with a plastic, wood, or rawhide head when striking steel surfaces.

For more information visit OSHA Standard: 1926.300

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