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“Vibration is an ergonomic risk factor. If your hands feel like they're buzzing or vibrating after work, or if you feel like you have less grip strength at the end of the day, talk to your supervisor about vibration trauma.”

Pneumatic tools are powered by compressed air. Nail guns and jackhammers are some of the most common pneumatic tools, but there are many others: chippers, shears, wrenches, sanders, grinders, staplers, and even caulking guns. The primary dangers you'll encounter are noise, vibration, and getting hit by chips, attachments, or fasteners. All of these dangers can be controlled if you follow the rules for using pneumatic tools and use them carefully.

Here are a few safe work practices to keep in mind when you use a pneumatic tool:

- Only operate a pneumatic tool if you're qualified and you've been trained to operate it safely.
- Eye protection is required when working with pneumatic tools. Always wear safety glasses or goggles and consider a full-face shield.
- Wear earplugs, earmuffs, or both, to protect your hearing. Hearing protection is required when you use pneumatic impact tools.
- Wear vibration-dampening gloves when using tools like chippers and jackhammers. You can put vibration-dampening grips on the handles.
- Do not exceed the tool's pressure rating.
- Keep track of the air hose so you don't create a tripping hazard for yourself or others. Getting tangled up in the hose can cause you to stumble and fall.

Notes:

- Check hoses regularly for cuts, bulges, abrasions, and any other obvious wear and tear.
- Never use compressed oxygen as a substitute for compressed air.
- Never point a pneumatic tool at anyone or at any part of your body.
- Never carry a pneumatic tool by its hose, and never hold or carry the tool with your finger on the trigger. Develop a habit of keeping your finger away from the trigger—not on it or over it.
- Disconnect tools when they are not in use, and before changing attachments, servicing, cleaning, or attempting to clear a jam.
- Follow the cleaning and maintenance instructions that came with the tool.
- Do not remove or modify a safety device.
- On tools that shoot fasteners, test the safety contact tip each day to make certain that it is working properly.
- When you buy a new nail gun or staple gun, choose one with a full sequential trigger that prevents bump firing.

Supervisor Signature: _____

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