



Safety and Usage Tips

At Estwing, safety is our top priority. When using any Estwing tool, ALWAYS WEAR SAFETY GOGGLES. Bystanders should also wear safety goggles.



**Protect Your Eyes,
Always Wear Safety Goggles**

OSHA regulation 29 CFR 1910.133 requires the use of eye protection not only for workers using striking tools, but for workers in the immediate working area. Similar requirements are contained in OSHA Construction Standard 29 CFR 1926.102. The Mine Safety and Health Administration requires eye protection in the mining environment 30 CFR 55.14-4, 30 CFR 56-15-4, 30 CFR 57-15-4, 30 DFR 75.1720 (a) and 30 CFR 77.1710 (a)

Always Use the Correct Tool for the Job.

- Nail Hammers are for driving and withdrawing common nails only.
- Drilling Hammers are intended to be used for striking chisels, punches, star drills and hardened nails.
- Ball Peen Hammers have two separate uses. The striking face of the ball peen is used for striking punches and chisels. The ball peen end is used for riveting, shaping and straightening unhardened metals.
- Drywall Hammers are to be used for scoring and installing drywall.
- Shingler's Hatchets are to be used for installing and trimming composition, wood and fiberglass shingles.
- Bricklayer Hammers are used for setting or splitting bricks.

Proper Tool Usage is Key.

- Never strike a hammer or any striking tool against another tool or hardened object.
- Always avoid glancing blows and over and under strikes.
- When striking another tool (chisel, punch, wedge, etc.), the striking face of the proper hammer should have a diameter approximately 3/8" larger than the struck face of the tool.
- Always use a hammer of suitable size and weight for the job.



Always discard tool if any of the following occur:



Chips or dents
on face



Mushroom face



Crack in
claw section



Dents in
hammer handle