



Cartridge Guns Safe Working Practices

Only employees over 18, trained and authorised in writing may use cartridge guns.

1. Always read the manufacturer's instructions carefully before using a cartridge gun.
2. Before handling the gun make sure that it is NOT LOADED.
3. Always load a cartridge gun with the barrel pointing in a safe direction - away from you.
4. Never place your hand over the end of the barrel.
5. Never walk around with a loaded gun.
6. Check the material into which the bolt is to be fired.
7. Allow at least three inches from edges of concrete or brickwork.
8. Hold the gun at right-angles to the job when firing.
9. Always wear suitable eye protection when using a cartridge gun.
10. In the event of a misfire wait a few minutes before unloading.
11. Cartridge guns must be kept clean and well oiled.
12. Never leave a cartridge gun loaded when not in use.
13. Don't use a cartridge gun if you have any reason to believe that it is defective. All defects should be reported without delay.
14. Cartridge guns must be stored in a locked secure cabinet when not in use. Cartridges must be stored separately in similar secure storage.
15. Records of personnel using cartridge guns should be kept. Details to be kept will include name of user, number of cartridges issued/used, date of use.