# GUIDANCE ON
# THE SAFE USE OF HAMMERS

**Thank you for purchasing a Sealey product. Manufactured to a high standard, this product will, if used according to these instructions, and properly maintained, give you years of trouble free performance.**


Refer to instruction manual


Wear eye protection

**IMPORTANT:** PLEASE READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY. NOTE THE SAFE OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS, WARNINGS & CAUTIONS. USE THE PRODUCT CORRECTLY AND WITH CARE FOR THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH IT IS INTENDED. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY CAUSE DAMAGE AND/OR PERSONAL INJURY AND WILL INVALIDATE THE WARRANTY. KEEP THESE INSTRUCTIONS SAFE FOR FUTURE USE.

1. **GENERAL SAFETY**
   Perform a risk assessment before using the hammer. Ensure the area is clean and well lit. Always wear appropriate clothing, eye protection and footwear when using a hammer. Additional PPE may be required depending on the task at hand. **DO NOT** use this product if you are tired or under the influence of drugs, alcohol or medication.
2. **HAMMER TYPE**
   Always select a suitable hammer, of the appropriate type, size and weight, for the job concerned. See table below.

| TYPE OF HAMMER | DESCRIPTION | USE |
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| Claw hammer | Has a curved claw on one end for prying and a flat face on the other end for striking. | Used for general carpentry tasks such as nailing, pulling nails, and prying. |
| Ball-pein hammer | Has a round, domed face on one end and a ball-shaped pein on the other end. | Used for forging metal, shaping sheet metal, and riveting. |
| Deadblow hammer | Has a solid metal head that is filled with lead or another heavy material. | Used for striking without damaging the surface being struck. |
| Framing hammer | Has a long handle and a large, heavy head. | Used for framing walls and other construction tasks. |
| Mallet | Has a large, smooth head made of wood, rubber, or plastic. | Used for tasks that require a soft strike, such as driving chisels or shaping wood. |
| Sledgehammer | Has a very large, heavy head. | Used for demolition and other heavy-duty tasks. |
| Tapered pin hammer | Has a tapered, pointed head. | Used for driving tapered pins and other small objects. |

3. **WEAR SAFETY GOGGLES**
   Always wear safety goggles when using a hammer. This is especially important when hammering hard materials and in circumstances where materials are likely to chip and fly.
4. **STRIKING TOOLS**
   When striking chisels, punches, wedges, or other tools, the striking-face of the hammer should be larger than the head of the tool being struck. For example, a 12mm cold chisel-head requires at least a 25mm hammer face.
5. **MASONRY NAILS**
   Masonry nails, which are hardened, should only be struck with a lump or clubhammer. It is essential that safety goggles are worn when driving these nails.
6. **STRIKING TECHNIQUE**
   Always strike squarely and avoid glancing blows. Never strike with the side cheek of a hammer head and never strike a material which is harder than the hammer head. Never strike two hammer head faces together.
7. **INSPECT BEFORE USE**
   Never use a hammer with a loose or damaged handle and discard any hammer if the head shows any sign of excessive wear, mushrooming, chipping, dents, etc. Never attempt to refurbish hammer faces. Attention is drawn to the use of light hammers with elongated heads, such as the welder's chipping hammer, since, whilst handle tests and assembly are appropriate to the mass of the tool, the mode of use can be particularly prone to loosening of handles.
8. **STORAGE - WOODEN HAMMERS ONLY**
   Always store wooden handled hammers at ambient temperatures. **DO NOT** store in a heated warehouse or storage place as this is a significant cause of loose hammer heads, due to the drying out of the wooden handles.
9. **INSPECT REGULARLY**
   Inspect hammers regularly to ensure they are fit for purpose. If in doubt, seek specialist advise or contact the manufacturer.

**ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION**
Recycle unwanted materials instead of disposing of them as waste. All tools, accessories and packaging should be sorted, taken to a recycling centre and disposed of in a manner which is compatible with the environment. When the product becomes completely unserviceable and requires disposal, drain any fluids (if applicable) into approved containers and dispose of the product and fluids according to local regulations.

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**Important:** No Liability is accepted for incorrect use of this product.
**Warranty:** Guarantee is 12 months from purchase date, proof of which is required for any claim.

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