

# Hand Tool Safety

## Striking Tools

- Always wear approved eye protection.
- Do not use striking tool if head or striking area is mushroomed, dented, chipped, cracked or excessive wear.
- Do not use striking tool if handle is loose, cracked, splintered, or excessive wear.
- Strike with a square blow with the striking surface parallel to the surface being struck. Always avoid glancing blows and over and under strikes.
- Keep other workers clear of the work area.
- Survey the area or material you wish to use the striking tool on. Check for hazards or defects in the material or area.

