



# 9 ways to prevent injuries when blowing with compressed air



**1. Never point an air hose or air gun at anyone, either for fun or to blow away dirt from clothes or the body.**



**2. Always use personal protective equipment, such as goggles, when cleaning with compressed air.**



**3. When cleaning tools, machines, or the work site, use a safe air gun with an air nozzle that meets OSHA requirements.** Place a protective screen around the workplace, or watch carefully so that no one else is nearby.

**4. Check the air hoses regularly for damage or leakage.** Remove a leaking hose immediately. A hose that breaks under pressure will come loose and wave around completely uncontrolled.

**5. Shut off the compressed air before disconnecting a hose from the compressed air system.** Shut off the compressed air at the nearest shutoff valve and drain the remaining air from the system.



**6. Check the connectors and hose clamps so that everything is securely fastened.** Avoid screwdrivers when tightening; use a wrench or just your hand. Hold the hose and air gun when the compressed air is switched on again.



**7. Never stop the air flow by bending the hose – always use the shutoff valve.** Always open the valve carefully to detect any faulty connections.

**8. Avoid allowing the air hoses to lie on the floor where someone can trip over them, or where they can be damaged by vehicles, doors or tools.** If possible, pull the air lines and hoses at ceiling height.



**9. Remember to always treat compressed air and related components as professional tools – something that facilitates your work, but only if handled properly and safely.**