

## Hammer Hazard

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### What and Why

Metal-head hammers in your store may present a hazard. A serious eye injury recently occurred when the head of a metal hammer failed.

The “Removing the Assembly” best practice has been updated for removing wheel locks when the key is not available.

### Action



#### IMMEDIATELY

- Remove **ALL** metal-head hammers from service (some examples are pictured left). This **DOES NOT** include wheel weight pliers, dead blow hammers, sledge hammers and lead mallets.
- Use the wheel weight pliers or the dead blow hammer to apply wheel weights.
- Use the approved ball pein hammer along with safety goggles to remove wheel locks and stuck lug nuts.

### Deliverables



#### *Identify the hammer(s):*

1. Identify and remove from service all metal-head hammers in your store.
2. Collect and store in a box for Regional Warehouse pick-up and removal. **(DO NOT SELL OR DONATE HAMMERS).**

#### *Replace the hammer(s):*

1. **ALWAYS** use safety goggles and **ONLY** use the approved ball pein hammer when removing wheel locks and stuck lug nuts.
2. **Goggles MUST be worn whenever the approved ball pein hammer is used.**

### Final Step

Complete the following [Hammer Hazard Survey](#).

**Please complete the above survey within 24 hours from the time of receiving this message.**

**Thank you for keeping our people Safe!**