IMPORTANT! It is the customer's responsibility to have all operators and service personnel read and understand these safety instructions.

Contact ULINE for additional copies of this safety guide at 1-800-295-5510.

SAFETY GUIDE

NOTE: Read all instructions before operating this strapping tool. Failure to follow any of these guidelines could result in serious or fatal injury.

To ensure operator and bystander safety, it is important that all personnel operating a strapping hand tool use proper strapping products and strap-handling procedures. To ensure appropriate safety, all personnel must read and understand this guide before using strapping or a strapping hand tool. Failure to follow the recommendations in this guide could result in serious or fatal injury.

It is also important that every employer properly train employees on any additional safety measures that may be required during operation and on any equipment to provide adequate workplace safety in the employer's specific facility. Employers should also make copies of this safety guide available to all employees who work with or around strapping hand tools, strap cutters and strapping.

ALWAYS USE THE PROPER STRAPPING AND SEALS FOR YOUR APPLICATION

Use of strapping or seals not specified by Uline for use with your hand tool and not meeting applicable ASTM and AAR Standards could result in strap breakage or seal joint separation while applying strapping to a load or during normal handling, loading, unloading, shipping or storage. Use of hand tool replacement parts not manufactured or approved by the hand tool manufacturer could result in malfunction of the hand tool, strap breakage or seal joint separation, which can cause serious or fatal personal injury to hand tool operators or bystanders.

READ THE MANUAL

Before operating a strapping hand tool, read and understand all safety, operation and maintenance information provided with the hand tool or strapping.

PRODUCT SAFETY LABELS

- Read and understand all safety labels located on the tool.
- Replace all damaged or missing safety labels.

WEAR SAFETY GLASSES

Failure to wear safety glasses with side shields could result in serious eye injury or blindness. All operators and bystanders must always wear safety glasses with side shields that conform to ANSI Standard Z87.1 or European Norm 166.

WEAR GLOVES

Wear protective gloves, like Uline S-14249, when handling strapping and sharp parts to reduce the risk of cuts to your hands.

ADDITIONAL SAFETY GEAR

Follow any additional personal protective clothing and equipment guidelines designated by your facility.

OPERATOR TRAINING

All personnel must be properly trained before operating a strapping hand tool. The tool's safety manual provides operating and maintenance procedures to promote safe use of the tool. All operating personnel must read the safety manual before operating the hand tool. If you have any questions regarding training, contact Uline at 1-800-295-5510.

AVOID LOOSE CLOTHING AND JEWELRY

Before operating a hand tool, the operator's shirt sleeves must be buttoned or rolled up tightly and shirttails tucked in to prevent them from being caught in the hand tool. All dangling items, including badges, ties, earplugs, etc., must be removed.
INSPECT THE TOOL DAILY
Inspect and clean the tool and lubricate all moving parts daily. Do not operate the tool if you are uncertain about its condition. If there is any problem with the tool, have it inspected and repaired or adjusted by a properly trained and knowledgeable person.

MAINTAIN PROPER OPERATING POSITION
Before and during operation of the hand tool, establish and maintain proper footing and position to prevent injury resulting from loss of balance.
Always position yourself to one side while tensioning strapping so that if the strap breaks, slips in the tool, or disengages, you won’t be in the direct line of recoiling strap. Require all bystanders to stand to one side and at a safe distance away while you are tensioning the strapping.

USE ONLY NEW STRAPPING (NEVER REUSE STRAPPING)
Use only new strapping to secure loads. While used strapping might look good, it may be damaged. This could result in strap breakage. Never splice two lengths of strapping together.

INSPECT THE SEAL JOINT
An improperly formed strap joint can result in strap separation and an unstable package. Before moving any strapped package, be certain each strap joint is properly formed, as shown in the drawings at the right. If a strap joint is not properly formed and aligned, remove the strap and check the tool or machine for worn or broken parts. Once you are sure the tool or machine is working properly, apply a new strap.

Never handle or ship a load with an improperly formed joint. Improperly formed joints may not secure a load and can cause serious injury or death.

Failure to follow these instructions could result in serious injury or death. For more information on steel strap joints, please refer to the safety manual supplied with your machine or tool or this safety guide. Contact Uline with additional questions at 1-800-295-5510.

NEVER MODIFY A STRAPPING TOOL
Never make any changes to the tool, such as lengthening the tool’s tensioning handle with a pipe or other device. The extension or other modifications may appear to be an advantage, but will increase the risks of strap breakage during tensioning, an inadequate joint or losing your balance and falling.

NEVER LIFT BY THE STRAPPING
Strapping is designed to be used only to secure a load during normal and proper handling, loading, unloading, shipping and storage. It should never be used as a handle or for lifting, pulling or dragging a load. This can cause serious injury if the strap breaks or if you lose your grip and fall.

NEVER NAIL STRAPPING
Never drive nails or staples through strapping. This will weaken the strapping or could cause the nail or staple to ricochet. If the strapping must be nailed, use prepunched strapping and nail only in the prepunched holes in the strapping.
CUTTING TENSIONED STRAPPING

- Keep all bystanders at a safe distance, away from the danger zone (red area) and possible flying or flailing strap ends. The energy released as the strapping is cut will cause both strap ends to rebound or flail outward.
- Establish and maintain proper footing and position before and during the cutting process to prevent injury resulting from a loss of balance.
- Use only cutters specifically designed to cut strapping. The use of claw hammers, crowbars, chisels, axes or similar tools will cause tensioned strap to fly apart and flail with hazardous force.
- Cut strapping straight across to avoid sharp ends.
- Be aware that loads secured with strapping may shift or fall when the strapping is cut.

USING A TWO-HANDED STRAP CUTTER

1. Do not use a strap cutter that requires the use of two hands to cut horizontally tensioned strapping.
2. For vertically tensioned strapping, stand to one side of the strap being cut—outside of the danger zone (red area).

MAINTAIN A CLEAN WORK AREA

Maintain a clean, well-lit work area. Always clear your work area of all loose strapping. Broken or used strapping can create a safety hazard.

DISPOSE OF STRAPPING PROPERLY

Always place used or broken strapping in a container designated for disposal or recycling. Never reuse strapping.