



SAFETY TAILGATE MEETING

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POWDER ACTUATED TOOLS

INTRODUCTION

Powder- Actuated Tools are like firearms. They can be extremely dangerous if in untrained hands or not used correctly.

Group Discussion:

- What tasks do we use powder actuated tools for?

In this meeting, we will discuss:

(1) BEFORE USING THEM

(2) WHILE USING THEM

(3) ADDITIONAL SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

BEFORE USING THEM

- Only trained, qualified personnel are to use Powder Actuated Tools. (California requires you have a valid operator card).
- Read and understand the manufacturer instructions.
- Inspect the tool before use. Ensure it is clean and in good repair.
- Post a sign within 50' of where you will be working and in clear view that states "POWDER ACTUATED TOOLS IN USE." Ensure no one unauthorized is in the danger area. Delineate the area if needed.
- Have all required PPE available including, eye/face protection and hearing protection.
- Choose the correct power load and level for the work you will be doing.

Remove any damaged or unsafe tools from service and notify your supervisor. Mark it "Defective".

WHILE USING THEM

- Do not point the tool at yourself or others. Ensure others are safely out of the way before and during use, including on the other side of a wall.
- Keep hand and feet clear of the barrel end.
- Always make fastenings perpendicular to the base material and hold the tool firmly in place. Get in a strong firing position.
- Never load a tool until you are ready to make a fastening.
- In the event of a misfire, hold the tool firmly against the work surface for a period of 30 seconds and then follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Use the tool with the correct shield, guard or attachment recommended by the manufacturer.
- Do not use in an explosive atmosphere.
- Do not drive fasteners into easily very hard or brittle materials including, but not limited to, cast iron, glazed tile, hardened steel, glass block, natural rock, hollow tile or most brick.
- Do not drive fasteners into easily penetrated or thin materials or materials of questionable resistance unless backed by a material that will prevent the fastener from passing through the other side.

ADDITIONAL SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- There are other safety precautions provided in specific tool manuals. Take the time to read and understand these instructions. If you have questions, call your supplier or the manufacturer for assistance.
- Keep stored under lock and key when not in use.
- Keep power loads and levels of different types in separate storage compartments or containers.
- Dispose of spent and unspent casings per manufacturer guidelines.

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Attendees Signatures



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