



TOOLBOX

SAFETY TRAINING

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Remember the following precautions:

1. These tools should not be used in an explosive or flammable atmosphere
2. Before using the tool, the worker should inspect it to determine that it is clean, all moving parts operate freely, and that the barrel is free from obstructions.
3. The tool should never be pointed at anyone, at anytime.
4. The tool should not be loaded unless it is to be used immediately. Never leave a tool unattended. It should always be in control by the authorized worker.
5. Hands should be kept clear of the barrel end to prevent the tool from accidentally firing. Two separate motions are required for firing. One is positioning the barrel in the exact location and the other is either pulling the trigger or activating the hammer with a hammering action using a handheld hammer.
6. Always use eye and face protection.



The muzzle end of the tool must have a protective shield or guard centered perpendicularly on the barrel to confine any flying fragments or particles that might otherwise create a hazard when the tool is fired.

All powder actuated tools must be designed for varying charges so that the user can select a powder level necessary to do the work without excessive force. If the tool develops a defect during use, remove from use and tag immediately. Do not allow the defective tool to remain on the job site.

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