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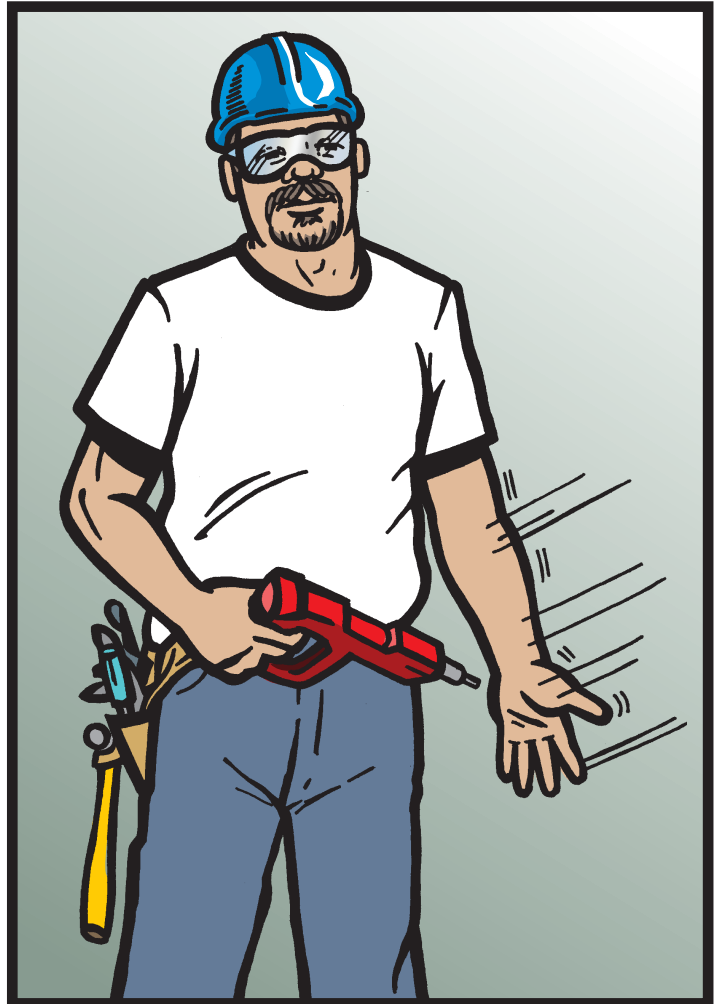
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Powder actuated tools must be respected. Examples such as the one above show the need to treat a powder actuated gun just as one would treat a real firearm. If not actually using the tool, it should be unloaded and the charge removed as well as always handling it as if it was loaded.

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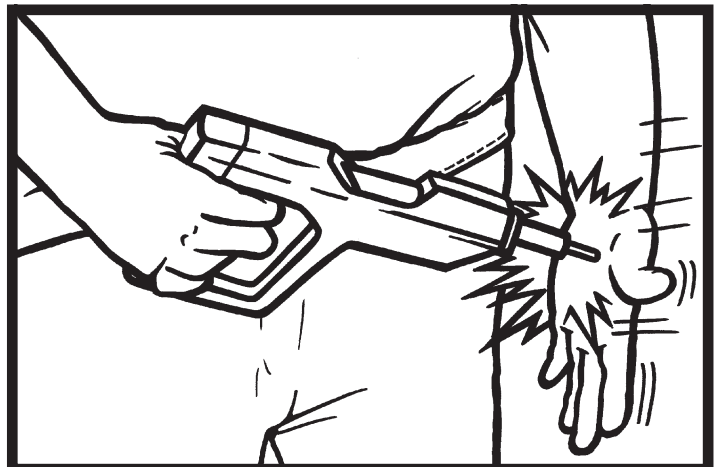
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