Toolbox Talks – Powder-Actuated Tools

- Employees must be trained before they are allowed to operate a powder-actuated tool.

- Most suppliers of powder-actuated tools are willing to instruct, and to issue certificates, on the safe and proper use of their equipment.

- The tool must be tested before each use to see that safety devices are in proper working condition.

- Do not leave the tool loaded – load tool just prior to intended firing time.

- Do not point the tool at anyone – treat it with the same respect that you would any other gun.

- Do not use tool equipment without proper, personal protective equipment as recommended by the supplier or the manufacturer’s instructions.

- Do not drive fasteners into hard or brittle materials such as cast iron, glazed tile, hollow tile, face brick or hardened steel.

- Flying nails, fragments, concrete chips, etc., are always a danger on the other side of the material that you’re shooting. Make sure that no one is in the area.

- If the tool is not working properly, take it out of service immediately and get it repaired.

Safety Reminders:
- DON’T TAKE CHANCES.
- IF YOU DON’T KNOW, ASK.
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