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FACTORIES AND MACHINERY (BUILDING OPERATIONS AND WORKS OF ENGINEERING
CONSTRUCTION) (SAFETY) REGULATIONS 1986
PART XVI - HAND AND POWER TOOLS

Regulation 153. Power-actuated tools.

- (1) Only employees who have been trained in the operation of the particular tool in use shall be allowed to operate a power-actuated tool.
- (2) The tool shall be tested each day before loading to see that safety devices are in proper working condition. The method of testing shall be in accordance with the manufacturer's recommended procedure.
- (3) Any tool found not in proper working order, or that develops a defect during use, shall be immediately removed from use and shall not be used until it is properly repaired.
- (4) Tools shall only be loaded within a reasonable period prior to the intended firing time. Neither loaded nor empty tools shall be pointed at any employees. Hands shall be kept clear of the open barrel end.
- (5) Loaded tools shall not be left unattended.
- (6) Fasteners shall not be driven into very hard or brittle materials including, but not limited to, cast iron, glazed tile, surface-hardened steel, glass block, live rock, face brick, or hollow tile.
- (7) Driving into materials easily penetrated shall be avoided unless such materials are backed by a substance that will prevent the pins or fastener from passing completely through to the other side.
- (8) No fastener shall be driven into a spalled area caused by an unsatisfactory fastening.
- (9) Tools shall not be used in an explosive or flammable atmosphere.