

## TOOLBOX TALK 32/60

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TOPIC: POWER FASTENING TOOLS

OBJECTIVE: TO ENSURE SAFE USE OF POWER FASTENING TOOLS



*Easiest way to conduct and document your safety meetings!*

### → Some things to know before you give your talk.

- 👉 If your crew is not using power actuated fastening tools on this job, determine which trades, where and when they will be used so that the talk can be given on a timely basis.
- 👉 Arrange for a tool to be brought to the meeting, but only plan a “live” demonstration if a trained and certified operator will be available and the safety of your crew will not be endangered.
- 👉 Review OHS regulations and the manufacturer’s instructions provided with the tool.

### → Talk to your crew about how they can avoid serious injury or death by:

- 👉 Reading the instruction manual and getting proper training and certification from a qualified instructor (normally a manufacturer’s representative.)
- 👉 Using the tool only for its intended purposes.
- 👉 Always operate the tool with shield in place.
- 👉 Always using the correct “load” for the job being done.
- 👉 Putting fastenings into thick concrete and structural steel only.
- 👉 Never fastening into spalled and uneven surfaces.
- 👉 Always fastening 3” away from the edge of concrete and ½” away from the edge of steel.
- 👉 Always putting out warning signs and telling others working in the area

### → Remind the crew never to:

- 👉 Engage in horseplay with a power actuated tool.
- 👉 Try to repair a jammed, stuck or broken tool containing a live load. Should this happen, follow manufacturer’s instructions.
- 👉 Allow an untrained or uncertified person to operate a tool

### → Try this for show and tell!

- 👉 Have a qualified operator review safe work procedures – give a demonstration which includes all the safety precautions. Make sure all workers who will operate a power actuated fastening tool have certification in its proper use.

