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Talk No. 21	OPERATED TOOLS
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**1. Introduction:**

1.1 Cartridge operated tools are potentially lethal if misused and should always be handled with care.

**2. Main Points:**

2.1 Cartridge operated tools, should only be used by properly trained persons (those with a written certificate of authority).

2.2 Read and understand the instructions prior to use and comply with them at all times.

2.3 Before handling a gun, ensure it is not loaded.

**3. Points to remember**

3.1 Always load with barrel pointed in a safe direction (away from you and not at anyone else).

3.2 Never walk around with a loaded gun.

3.3 Never place your hand on the barrel.

3.4 Ensure cartridges are not being fired into (not too powerful) — consider a test fire.

3.5 Beware of voids in masonry and allow at least 75mm (3") from edges of concrete or masonry.

3.6 Always hold gun/tool with splinter guard is retracted.

3.7 Always wear suitable eye protection and ear defenders as a minimum).

3.8 In the event of a misfire, wait a further minute prior to re-attempting to fire. Do not try again. If still a misfire, wait a further minute prior to re-attempting to fire.

3.9 Keep guns/tools well maintained — never leave a gun loaded.

3.10 Cartridges are explosive devices and should be properly controlled (keep under lock and key, restrict issue, and ensure unfired cartridges are returned).

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