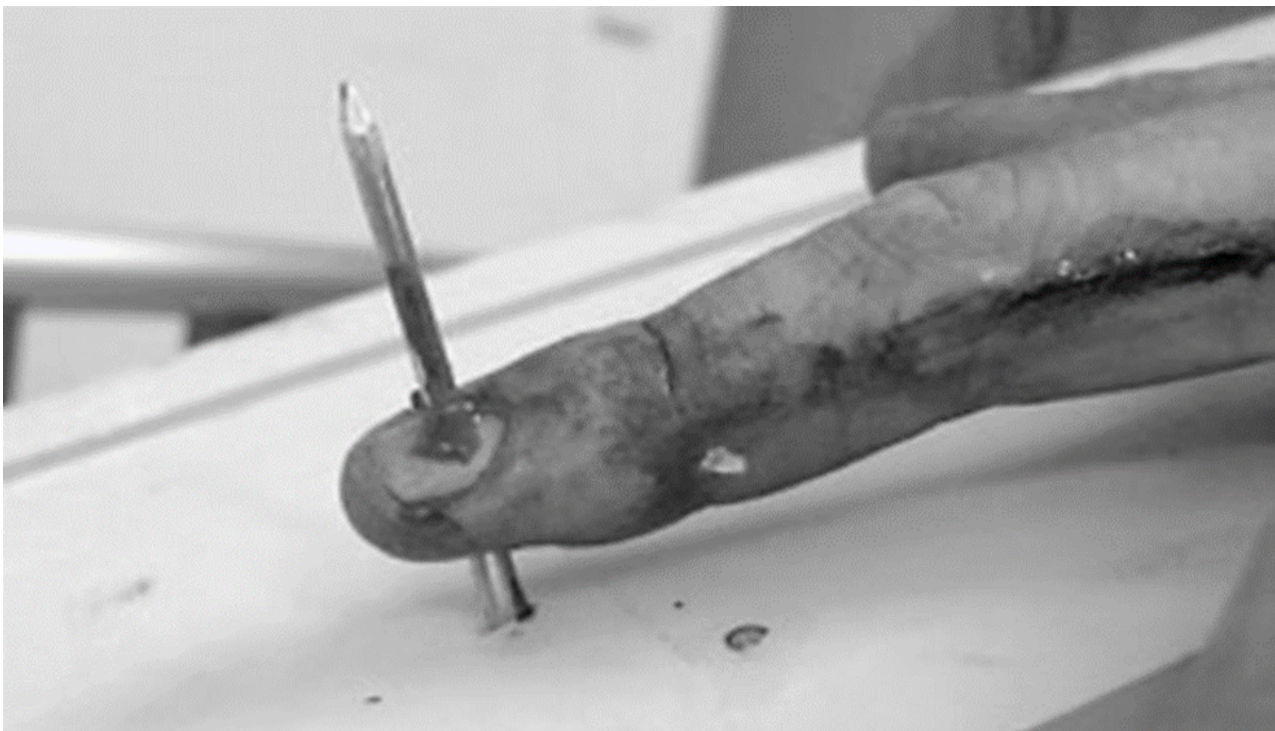


# Handling Powder Actuated Tools (PATs) Safely Picture This



## What's wrong in this picture?

Whenever you operate a powder-actuated hand tool, safe work practices must always be followed. These tools are designed to drive nails or other fastening devices into material such as concrete, steel, and masonry, which are not easily penetrated. These devices use explosive charges similar to a firearm. Since the charge is similar to a firearm, powder actuated tools can "fire" nails and fastening devices into human flesh. Great respect for these tools and the safety precautions for them must be maintained. Only qualified persons who have been trained and certified by an authorized instructor can use a powder actuated.

Safe operation of powder-actuated tools demands knowledge and the operator's constant caution.

**Don't get caught with your guard off...it could be disarming!!**