

SEE-MORE SAFETY SAYS...

Explosives

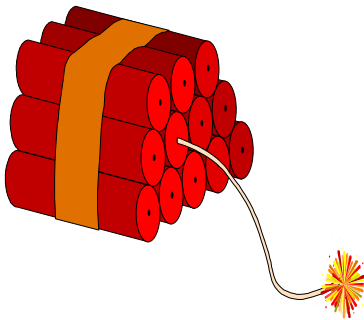


Qualified blasters, blaster helpers, powdermen, or explosives drivers

There is no room for error when using explosives to accomplish your work. Whether you are a qualified blaster, blaster helper, powderman, or explosives driver, you must know your job “stone cold.”

If you are just beginning in the business, needing a qualified co-worker to guide you through each step, or you have years of experience, you must be deliberate and precise each step of the way toward firing the blast. This takes training, training, and more training.

Your job is similar to a fireman. Firemen seldom go to a fire, but they train all the time. It seems their job is training for that one event. More than likely you have many more events than firemen, but the training can be just as demanding. The OSHA regulations for blasting and the use of explosives is just one part of your overall training requirements.



All Employees

Even if you are not involved in the setup and blasting process you must know the rules if your company either: uses explosives at your construction site, or you work at construction sites where explosives are being used. Some general precautions are:

- ▶ Smoking and open flames is not permitted within 50 feet of explosives and detonator storage magazines.
- ▶ No person is allowed to handle or use explosives while under the influence of intoxicating liquors, narcotics, or other dangerous drugs.
- ▶ No one is permitted to carry detonators or primers of any kind on his/her person.
- ▶ You must be on the lookout for visual and audible warning signals, flags, or barricades to ensure you are prepared for and not surprised by a blast.
- ▶ You must know the code of blasting signals your company has set up. They must be equivalent to the OSHA rules which are:
 - ▶ Before a blast, listen for the loud warning signal given by the blaster in charge. At this point you must be in a safe place at a safe distance, under sufficient cover.
 - ▶ After a blast, an inspection of the area must be made by the blaster to determine if all charges have been exploded before you are allowed to return to your job.

	<p>Site Safety – Special Trades – Explosives Sign-Off Sheet</p>
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This sign-off sheet documents the employees who have taken part in a training session on Site Safety – Special Trades – Explosives at _____.
(company name)

The session covered the following:

- ▶ Where to find the OSHA requirements for Qualified blasters, blaster helpers, powdermen, or explosives drivers.
- ▶ An overview of the general provisions of the OSHA regulations.
- ▶ An overview of the OSHA rules for all employees.

The space below is for each individual who has been trained on this topic to sign his/her names.

Date of Training: _____

Job Location: _____

Employee Signature

Print Name Here

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