

Circumventing Safety

One method of ensuring that energy in a system can be contained is called a “dead man switch.” It’s supposed to protect people by stopping power to the tool, machine or device if they let go of it. However, it seems holding down the safety switch is too much effort for some folks, such as the person who decided to get around this safety switch. Now the only way to turn this tool off is by unplugging it. Of course while someone’s trying to pull the plug, this tool could be making its way through your coveralls, your pants, your skin...

