

## *How Not To Hold a Revolver*

A shooter had a bad accident with his S&W 460XVR Magnum. He was shooting with a two handed hold and got his left thumb up near the lower front of the cylinder. The normal (powerful) gasses blowing out at the barrel/cylinder gap ripped the top off of his left thumb.



A shooter with a 460XVR blew his thumb off! No joke, about 1/2 of his left thumb is gone ... what's left is a mess. This might save somebody else a thumb. The shooter was using a 2-handed semi-auto pistol grip, fired off a Cor-Bon DPX .460 and the blast came violently out the side of the gun.

At first the thumb was so covered in blood that the shooter couldn't see how bad it was ... and he was full of adrenaline and felt no pain. It

looked really bad, his whole hand was covered in blood and blood was gushing. The blown-off thumb was on his support hand. It's not like he didn't already know not to get any body part near the cylinder gap. Just be careful with a revolver and use the proper grip.

After consulting with a hand surgeon he noted there are lots of ways to try and save what's left, The hand specialist said that in gunshot wounds there is always a lot more damage than is first visible ... same with things like fireworks going off in your hand. A lot more flesh around the wound is dead, and will rot and fall off over the next couple days. That's why it's so important to keep clean, and that's also why they can't do surgery immediately. If they wrapped new skin over dead skin it would just puss out, possibly turn gang-green, and they'd have to start all over again.



**This is an example of how the shooter was holding the revolver. Wrong, wrong, wrong!**

**This is what's left of his thumb.**



**This is the correct grip for a revolver pistol.**

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