



KNIFE SAFETY

Most of us have learnt the basic dangers of using knives. Statistics show that knives cause more disabling injuries than any other type of hand tool. Stop and think about how you are using a knife and where the knife is being stored.

USE

- A knife is used for cutting and cutting only.
- Never use a knife as a screwdriver or prying tool.
- Always make cuts away from your body.
- Do not use too much pressure to cut.
- Never, use a defective knife- such as one with a broken handle, blade, or lock system.
- Always be sure the knife is sharp.
- Dull knives lead to injury because more pressure is needed to make a cut, and this can result in slips.
- Never throw a knife.

PROTECTION

- If you must make cuts close to your body, be sure to wear the proper PPE to avoid injury.
- Mail gloves are available for certain cutting applications.

STORAGE

- Always carry a knife in its sheath.
- Never leave a knife uncovered on a table or work bench.
- Always store the knife with the cutting edge down or covered.

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- Treat even the smallest cut.
- Blood poisoning or infection can develop if a cut is not treated properly.