



Knife Safety

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
- Always be sure the knife is sharp
- Dull knives lead to injury because more pressure is needed to make cuts and this can result in slips
- Never throw a knife

Protection

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

Storage

- Always carry a knife in its sheath or folded
- Never leave a knife uncovered on a bench, in a trailer or anywhere on a job site
- Always store the knife with the cutting edge down or covered

First Aid

- Treat even the smallest cut with the first aid kits in company vehicles
- Blood poisoning or infections can develop if cuts are not treated properly
- Fill out an injury report as soon as practicable