



Toolbox Safety Talks

Hand Tools (Knives)

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- 1)** What are the injuries involved with knives, box cutters, and razors?
 - a. Lacerations
 - b. Amputations

- 2)** What hazards should you look for before working with knives
 - a. Dull blades
 - b. Bent blades
 - c. Unbalanced body positions
 - d. Other body parts in the path of the cut
 - e. The grip

- 3)** What safe practices should be used when working with knives
 - a. Avoid pulling the blade towards your body
 - b. Wear gloves. If not make sure your hands are free of grease or other slippery substances
 - c. Do not use dull or bent blades
 - d. Do all cutting in well lit areas
 - e. Always retract or close knife when not in use
 - f. Plan the cut - look for things that may impede the cut (staples, nails, seams, etc.)
 - g. Do not use excessive force

- 4)** What type of objects is hard to cut without pulling the knife towards you?
- 5)** Can anyone recommend a way to cut away from your body in the case(s) stated above?
- 6)** Has anyone seen an accident or near miss with a knife?
- 7)** Do we have any knives that are unsafe? Why?
- 8)** Why is it dangerous to use dull knives?
- 9)** Where are our spare blades?



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Make Time for Safety, Everyday! – Yes, production is important, *but the focus must be on Safe Production!* Keep that in the back of your mind. Don't take risky chances and stay out of harm's way. Nobody goes to work thinking 'I'm going to get hurt or killed on the job today!' But every day 15,000-17,000 workers suffer disabling injuries on the job and another 11-17 are killed. ***What are you doing to make sure it doesn't happen on your shift?***

Keep stoking the fire; we can't let the 'Safety Train' run out of steam!

Date Presented: _____

Presented By: _____

Attendance Sheet
