



Toolbox Safety Talks

Hand Tools (Knives)

- 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 lighted 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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Attendance Sheet



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