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## Cutting Tools



Handheld and sharp cutting tools, such as scissors, razors, knives, saws, and snips are used frequently on the job. Cuts and lacerations continue to be a serious problem at numerous construction sites, which is why it is important to know the correct way to use cutting tools and proper first aid if an injury does

### What to Wear

The first step in protecting yourself from injury from a cutting tool is to wear the proper personal protective equipment. Some things you should always be wearing are:

- ⇒ Safety glasses
- ⇒ Safety boots
- ⇒ Hard hat



You may also want to wear additional items, depending on which type of tool you are using:

- ⇒ Gloves
- ⇒ Face shield
- ⇒ Long sleeves



#### TIP

Visualize the path the blade will be taking before beginning the cut. Then, be sure that no body parts will be in that path.

### Knife and Cutting Tool Fundamentals

If the cutting device is needed as a work tool, it must be:

- Appropriate for the job
- Kept in good condition (blade sharp)
- Stored properly



### Preventive Measures

- Always cut away from yourself
- Store open blade knives in sheaths
- Place the object being cut on a stable surface
- Keep blades sharp
- Never look away or become distracted while making the cut

