



Safety Talk

KNIFE SAFETY



Knives are always hazardous!!!

Knives are always hazardous, whether they are sharp or dull, in use or being stored. Dull knives require extra pressure to work effectively. Using force to cut with a dull knife can cause you to lose control, sending the knife in an unpredictable direction.

KNIFE SAFETY

- ✓ Keep the knives sharpened to reduce the pressure needed to work effectively
- ✓ To prevent the board from sliding on the counter, use a proper cutting board and slip-resistant matting
- ✓ Where all required PPE
- ✓ Always cut on a cutting board, never hold what you are cutting in your hand
- ✓ Carry only one knife at a time, with the blade pointed down and close to your side
- ✓ DO NOT leave knives with other utensils to soak in a container or tub
- ✓ DO NOT talk while you are using a knife, concentrate on your cutting
- ✓ DO NOT try to catch a falling knife – stand back and let it fall



KNIFE CARE

- 1) After using a knife, wash, sanitize and dry it separately – this keeps the knife from rusting and getting dull
- 2) Store knives in a knife rack or a drawer, with the handle facing the front
- 3) If you cannot wash, sanitize and dry the knife right away, place it in a labelled container at the sink area
- 4) Do not store knives in a drawer, someone reaching into the drawer for a knife may be severely cut
- 5) Always keep the knife you are using at the back of the counter with the sharp edge facing away from you when it is not in use

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