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Blade Safety and Awareness

1. Always keep knives and anything else dangerous, away from children.
2. Teach children to respect knives as tools, and to tell an adult if they find one. Teach children these guidelines. Respect is the key to being safe.
3. Never attempt to catch a falling knife. Let it fall and move your feet. One of the most common knife accidents is catching a knife because our instinct is to catch falling objects.
4. Never cut toward your body; always cut away. Always open knife away from your body.
5. Never throw or toss a knife to anyone. Hand it to them handle first with the blade facing away from your palm or fingers.
6. Only throw knives that were meant to be thrown, and only at "safe" targets with an appropriate backstop.
7. Pointing a knife or sword at anyone is a THREAT and is considered illegal in most states. Even in jest people have been seriously injured or killed. "I was just kidding" is never an excuse.
8. Never cut on "live" electrical wires or appliances.
9. Keep your knife folded/sheathed when carrying or not using.
10. Sharpening on a power grinder will make the edge brittle and void the warranty. Use a sharpening stone.
11. Never use a knife for prying, screwing or any other activity than what it was meant for, cutting. Misusing a knife can cause chipping or breakage, causing injury or death.
12. Do not attempt self-repair. It is dangerous and voids warranty.
13. Do not "flip" open your knife. "Flicking" open your blade is dangerous and will cause excessive wear or breakage. The knife could slip or fly from your hand causing injury or death.
14. Prior to each use make sure that the lock is operational. If blade does not lock in place, do not use it.
15. Never use a knife in dim or dark areas so you can see what you are doing. Cut only in a well-lit area.
16. Never run with a knife.
17. Keeping your knife clean, sharp and well oiled, particularly the locking mechanism will provide you with years of service, safety and reliability.
18. If you get cut, flush wound by letting it bleed for about ten to thirty seconds, apply pressure and get first aid immediately.