



Utility Knife Safety

Utility knives can be a useful or a dangerous tool. Injury can occur if not used properly. Use common sense and best judgment when handling a utility knife.

- **Always use sharp blades.** Dull blades create more friction when cutting through material which means more resistance that you have to overcome by pulling harder.
- **Always Retract the blade** as soon as you have finished cutting.
- **Properly Dispose of dull or broken blades** in a puncture-resistant, approved sharps container. Never toss blades in the trash.
- **Cut with the blade facing away** from your body as blades may slip out.
- **Only use location-approved utility knives.**

Remember that utility knife safety begins and ends with the person holding it.