

BWC Update

Safety news from the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation

Cut it out with BWC

Employees who work with knives, glass and other sharp objects on the job are at an elevated risk of sustaining cuts and lacerations. With every cut and laceration comes the chance of infection, which can expose workers to further complications. BWC recommends using the following preventative measures to keep your workers safe:

- Analyze work conditions for potential laceration hazards;
- Provide appropriate protective equipment for workers based on the analysis;
- Maintain good housekeeping;
- Maintain proper storage for cutting knives and other sharp objects;
- Develop procedures and provide training on knives and other sharp objects.

Contact BWC for more information about these resources that can help you protect your workers from cuts and lacerations:

- Online training courses on preventing cuts and lacerations;
- Safety consulting services;
- Videos on cutting safety, knife safety and box cutter safety;
- *Safety Talks* on preventing cuts and lacerations.

BWC can also help protect your work site against forklift incidents, workplace violence, overexertion, and slips, trips and falls. Businesses that have used our safety resources in the past have seen an average reduction in the amount of claims by 66 percent.

More information is available about preventing injuries for public employers by [clicking here](#).

Connect with a BWC safety consultant at 1-866-569-7805 or via email at besafe@ohiobwc.com.