

# 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;
- Minimize potential for contact with sharp edges on containers, equipment and machinery;
- Provide knives and cutters with self-retracting blades;
- Store knives and sharp objects to protect them from accidental contact.

BWC offers a number of resources to help you protect your workers from cuts and lacerations, including:

- Safety consulting services;
- Training courses on preventing cuts, bloodborne pathogens, and personal protective equipment;
- Videos on knife safety, box cutter safety, and pathogens;
- *Safety Talks* on utility knives and preventing cuts and lacerations.

BWC can also help you protect your workers from other service industry safety hazards, such as:

- Overexertion;
- Slips, trips and falls;
- Exposure to chemicals and temperature extremes;
- Exposure to electrical shock.

More information is available about preventing injuries in the services industry by [clicking here](#). Connect with a BWC safety consultant at 1-866-569-7805 or via email at [besafe@ohiobwc.com](mailto:besafe@ohiobwc.com).