

BWC Update

Safety news from the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation

Don't cut back on safety

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:

- Conduct a workplace hazard assessment to identify tasks that expose employees to laceration and puncture hazards;
- Provide well-designed cutting tools, knives and protective sheaths;
- Provide appropriate gloves and personal protective equipment;
- Ensure proper storage and handling of cutting tools and knives.

If you are interested in learning more about how to protect your workers from cuts and lacerations, check out the following resources BWC offers:

- Online training courses on preventing cuts and lacerations;
- Safety consulting services;
- Videos on saw and blade safety;
- *Safety Talks* on preventing cuts and lacerations.

BWC can also help protect your workers from hazards, such as getting struck by objects, confined spaces, overexertion, and slips, trips and falls. Businesses that have used our safety resources in the past have seen a reduction in the amount of claims by 66 percent.

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