

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 sharp edges on parts, containers, machinery and materials;
- Provide knives and cutters with self-retracting blades;
- Ensure the use of appropriate, well-fitting gloves and protective clothing;
- Properly store knives and sharp objects to protect them from accidental contact.

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 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 benefitted from the safety intervention grant program reduced the frequency of claims in the area of the intervention by 66 percent.

More information is available about preventing injuries in the transportation and warehouse industry by [clicking here](#).

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