



Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members



Fixed Open Blade Knives Safety Talk

Knives are hazardous tools. To reduce the risk of injuries, there are many companies that prohibit the use of fixed open blade knives while on the job. Utility knives or folding pocket knives that lock the blade into the open position are not truly a fixed open blade knives, but they can be more dangerous to use compared to safety knives. The hazards of knives need to be considered, and safer options should be looked at to reduce injuries.

Knife Injury Statistics

According to OSHA, over \$300 million each year is spent on hand lacerations. Many of these lacerations are caused by some type of knife use. Injury can also occur to other body parts. The legs are a common site of injury due to people cutting in a downward motion leaving their legs in the line of fire. The abdomen also faces the same injuries from line of fire incidents, as well as workers leaving the blade open in their pockets.