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knives

Knives have been used for tools for millions of years, although today's designs are much more sophisticated! In 1956 OLFA invented the world's first SNAP OFF BLADE CUTTER and since then this cutter has become a best seller worldwide and a benchmark for all other knives.

**WORLD'S FIRST
SNAP-OFF BLADE CUTTER**



OLFA also invented the world's first ROTARY CUTTER in 1979, which has revolutionized the cutting of material.

**WORLD'S FIRST
ROTARY CUTTER**



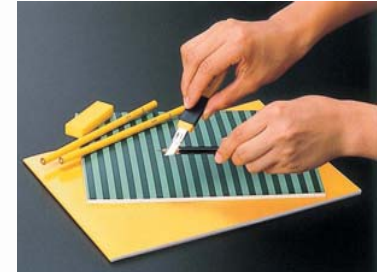
OLFA cutters are used in the home and workplace internationally and like all other knives they must be handled with care. The following presentation is a guide for knife safety for all different styles.

safety tips

There are many things you can do to **protect yourself and others** when using a knife. Here are some knife safety tips!

Cut Away from You

When using a knife always cut in the direction that is AWAY from your body, hands, arms and legs.



Sharper is Safer

Always make sure your knife blade is sharp. Dull knives need more pressure applied and the risk of injury is increased. Either replace, sharpen or snap off a dull blade.

Cover the Blade

Always sheath, retract or close blades when the knife is not in use.

When passing a knife, always pass it handle first, allowing the handler to have control of the blade end.



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Choose the **Right Knife** for the Job

Don't use a snap off blade knife for chopping up vegetables and don't use a rotary cutter knife for opening cartons! The right knife for the job will make the task at hand easier and reduce the risk of injury.



Always **Concentrate**

Always concentrate on the task at hand when using a knife.
If you get distracted stop using the knife.

Store Knives Safely

Store knives in a safe dry place out of reach of children, preferably in a holding rack and with the blade covered or retracted.

Use Knives in a **Safe Environment**

- All work areas should be well lit.
- Workplace hazards should be removed.
- The working area should be dry and clean.
- Knife and blade disposal bins should be available.
- Cutting boards or mats should be used when applicable.
- Never use knives to cut live electrical cords, cables or equipment.

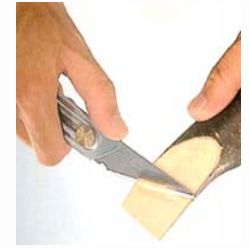


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Only Use knives for **Their Intended Use**

Don't use them as screw drivers, bottle openers, for prying things open etc. This is not the intended use and can cause injuries.



Never Catch a Knife

Let it drop to the floor and pick it up after it has landed on the floor.

For this same reason don't leave knives lying near edges of tables/shelves or where they can fall easily.



Don't Play with Knives

Never throw a knife, run or climb with a knife or play around with a knife.



Create a 'Safety Circle'

Ensure there is enough room around you that is free of people or objects so that you can reach your arm out in all directions and not strike anything or anyone.



Dispose of Blunt Blades Safely

All blunt blades, knives and sharp objects need to be disposed of in a safe way so that accidents don't occur with the disposed sharp items.

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responsibility

If using knives in a work place the **employer has a responsibility** to:

- Specify the best knife for the job at hand
- Ensure spare knives and blades are available
- Provide safe storage for knives and blades
- Provide the right personal protective equipment
- Provide a clean and safe working environment
- Provide training on the correct operating procedures
- Provide first aid



Ultimately it is the knife user's responsibility to follow all of the safety tips to ensure the best use of knives and to minimize risk.

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look for

What to look for in a **safety knife**:

- self retracting blade
- comfort / non-slip grip
- easy and safe blade replacement
- suits the task at hand

OLFA safety knives fit these criteria!

With several different safety knives available you are sure to find one to meet your task.



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OLFA safety cutters have **self retracting blades**. The blades automatically retract after cutting or when it loses contact with the material being cut. The SKB-7 and SKB-8 blades are designed exclusively for corrugated carton boxes.

OLFA **blades are of superior quality** due to a multi-step production process and only the finest quality tool steel being used. This ensures the blade has the best balance of high sharpness and longest blade life in accordance with usage.

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OLFA **Comfort Grip** is made of elastomer resin, which has an established reputation for its anti-slip and firm qualities.



OLFA cutters are a **distinguishable egg yolk yellow** colour which makes them easily recognized in a toolbox or work environment.

Please note:

- OLFA blades are designed specifically for hand held cutting with OLFA cutters.
- OLFA blades are not to be used for medical use or food preparation, the anti rust oil on blades can harm humans.