



# BOX CUTTER SAFETY

## Toolbox Talk

### WHY IT MATTERS

- Box cutters are common tools but can cause serious injuries if misused.
- Cuts and lacerations are among the most frequent workplace injuries.
- Proper handling and storage prevent accidents and keep everyone safe.

### SAFE USE GUIDELINES

- Always cut away from your body and keep hands clear of the blade path.
- Use sharp blades – dull blades require more force and increase risk.
- Make sure the material is stable before cutting.
- Do not use excessive force; let the blade do the work.
- Never use a box cutter for tasks it's not designed for.

### COMMON HAZARDS

- Slipping while cutting.
- Using dull or damaged blades.
- Cutting toward the body instead of away.
- Leaving blades exposed when not in use.
- Distractions while cutting.

### STORAGE & MAINTENANCE

- Retract the blade fully when not in use.
- Store box cutters in a safe location, away from edges or walkways.
- Replace blades regularly and dispose of used blades in a designated container.
- Inspect box cutters for damage before each use.

### EMPLOYER RESPONSIBILITIES

- Provide training on safe cutting techniques.
- Supply appropriate tools and blade disposal containers.
- Enforce safe work practices and housekeeping.

**CUT SMART – ALWAYS CUT AWAY, RETRACT BLADES WHEN DONE, AND KEEP YOUR HANDS SAFE.**