

SAFE HANDLING OF SHARP TOOLS: Knives, shredders, and can openers are tools we use every day, but they are also one of the top causes of workplace injuries. Always handle sharp tools with care to prevent serious cuts, accidents, and avoidable injuries.

KNIFE SAFETY TIPS

- Always cut away from your body, never toward your hand.
- Use a cut-resistant glove when slicing, dicing, or using a mandoline.
- Keep knives sharp. Dull knives slip more easily and can cause deeper injuries.
- Never leave knives soaking in sinks or hidden under towels.
- Carry knives safely with the point down and the blade facing behind you.
- Say “Knife behind!” when passing other team members.
- Store knives in a knife rack or magnetic strip. Never leave them loose in a drawer.

SHREDDER SAFETY TIPS

- Only trained team members should use the shredder.
- Use the guard at all times.
- Never push food through the shredder with your hands.
- Turn off and unplug the shredder before cleaning.
- Use approved cleaning tools, such as a brush or pad. Never use a towel or bare hands.

CAN OPENER SAFETY

- Inspect can openers daily. Dirty or dull blades can create metal shavings.
- Wipe and sanitize can openers after each shift.
- Watch for sharp lids.
- Never push lids down into cans with your fingers.
- Dispose of sharp lids immediately in a safe container.

