

TAILGATE SAFETY



The FGI believes it is important to always put safety first. Our **Tailgate Safety Program** is a safety training resource for construction and other high hazard industries. Print out and conduct training right from your tailgate on the job site, or in a formal meeting at your office.

Safety training for the job site & the office!

Knife Safety - 11/01/2019

Knives and utility knives are a common tools in geomembrane fabrication - in the field or in the plant. Unfortunately nicks and serious cuts in the workplace are common. It is estimated that more than \$3,000 worth of health care, worker's compensation and loss in productivity can be attributed to just one cut to the hand. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) estimates that more than \$300 million is spent for hand lacerations each year. Below are some tips for staying safe during use of such tools.

- Point the blade away from yourself when cutting.
- When not in use, store your knife or cutter in a safe location.
- Retractable blades should be retracted immediately after use.
- Discard a knife if it is not working properly.
- Safety features of knives should not be circumvented or removed.
- Knives with damaged safety mechanisms should be discarded.
- Utility knives work best when they're sharp.
- Dispose of dull or rusty blades in a blade disposal container.
- Always use knives only for their intended purpose.
- Do not toss a knife to someone.
- Do not hand a knife directly to someone. Set it down and let the other person pick it up.

Recommended Knife Tools



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Safety tips are presented monthly by FGI members & industry experts.

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