

### Knife Injuries In The Workplace

Hand knife injuries usually happen when the knife slips during cutting or trimming.

In most cases the blades come into contact with the workers other hand, causing a laceration to the hand/finger.



# 33%) 51%

## Where Do Knife Injuries Occur?

89% of knife injuries are to upper limbs. Of those 51% are to the arm, 33% to the hand and 5% to the fingers.

Knife injuries occur in every sector, but Warehouse, Distribution, Fulfilment and Food Production workers are particularly at risk.

# What's The Cost of Knife Injuries?

They say 'Time is money'. This is definitely the case when it comes to knife injuries.

HSE statistics suggest that over 4000 (69%) of reported knife accidents resulted in 3 day injuries and over. Think of that lost productivity!





# What Causes Knife Injury?

Improper use, human error and faulty tools are all causes of knife injury. But the design of many popular knives can also be at fault.

Knives that allow the blade to be left out unattended are often to blame, while using an openbladed knife for tasks such as unpackaging can be an unnecessary risk.

### The Solution

Specifying the right knife for each situation is key. For jobs like un-packaging using an enclosed blade like the GR8 range can prevent most injuries.

When a Utility/Exposed Bladed knife is required choose an auto-retractable solution such as the Autosafe to ensure the blade is not left out unattended.

