

Preventing Cuts & Lacerations

Cuts and Lacerations consistently rank as the second or third most frequent workplace injury in the workplace today. Common injuries include: Minor cuts requiring first aid, Lacerations requiring stitches, Amputations, or Lacerations involving tendon or nerve damage. Some suggestions in avoiding those injuries include:

Provide Training

Training should cover: Proper way to use tools and equipment, any hazards or exposures that could cause injury associated with use of tools or equipment, hand and body placement away from cutting blades or moving parts that can cause injury, and proper disposal of dull blades in a disposal container or wrapped up in thick tape.

Use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Wear the appropriate gloves, eye-wear, and clothing for the task your employees are engaged in. Ensure

PPE is in good condition and replace any that's worn or broken.

Using the right tools

It's quite simple; the wrong tool and improper use can cause an injury. Screwdrivers are not pry bars, blades shouldn't be used as levers, and dull blades require more force to cut and can break causing an injury. Provide the required tools for your employees and if it's missing or broken replace it.

Keep work areas clear

Any debris or excess materials can cause tools or equipment to malfunction and cause injuries to employees. Implement and enforce daily cleanup procedures so that work areas are clear of any debris that can affect safe use of equipment.

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Use blade guards

Inspect your cutting tools and equipment on a routine basis to ensure that cutting tools and wheels have the proper blade guards on them and, they provide the protection they supposed to. Replace any broken or missing guards with approved guards from the tool or equipment manufacturer. Do not use any guards that don't meet OSHA guidelines or, are not approved for use by manufacturers of the tool or equipment.

Get help, if needed

Don't rush and follow the safety procedures that are in place. Rushing tends to lead to bad habits or inattentive workers which can cause injuries. Keep the cutting tool under your control at all times and work safely.

Keep in mind safe practices, following safety guidelines, and using the right tool for the right job helps reduce the potential for injury.

Analyze • Inform • Motivate



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About DTRIC Insurance Risk Consulting Services

The Risk Consulting Services team at DTRIC Insurance is designed to help you reduce accidents and injuries in the workplace. Our approach involves our proven **A.I.M.** process that is easy to understand and simple to implement.



ANALYZE

We start by helping you understand and assess your current situation with services including:

- Safety audits
- Property and liability hazard surveys
- Accident investigation training
- Graphical analysis
- Job hazard analysis

INFORM

Keeping your team members informed is essential to success. We'll help you:

- Develop a safety committee
- Provide educational resources
- Work with your management team to develop their skills and knowledge of regulations
- Address loss trends with training on key issues
- Open communications within your organization

MOTIVATE

The more safety is promoted in your workplace, the more motivated your team members will be to make safety a top priority. Whether you motivate with promotions, incentives or recognition, we'll help you develop a results-driven method to encourage safety at all times.

DTRIC's Risk Consulting Services team will work closely with you to create a program to effectively improve your bottom line.