

KNIFE SAFETY RISK REGISTER

Knives

Hazard / Risk	Potential Harm	Before Controls INITIAL Risk Rating	Controls	Post Controls RESIDUAL Risk Rating	Last Review
Using a knife Deck and galley work	Cuts, lacerations, stab, manual handling injuries	High	Minimisation of Risk: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cut away from the body • Wear cut resistant gloves and apron when processing the catch • Be aware of weather – if rough take extreme care • Stop, drop, flop your hands at regular intervals • Report any injuries or discomfort • Complete knife training 	Moderate	
Knives Blunt knife	Cuts, lacerations, stab, manual handling injury	High	Minimisation of Risk: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep knife sharpened • Use cut resistant gloves • Stop, drop, flop your hands at regular intervals • Report any injuries or discomfort • Complete knife training 	Moderate	
Passing a knife	Cuts, lacerations, stab wound	High	Minimisation of Risk: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pass a knife handle first • Use cut resistant gloves • Don't run with a knife • Complete knife training 	Moderate	

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Poorly stowed knife Blade up	Cuts, lacerations, stab wound	High	Minimisation of Risk: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stow knives blade down Have robust and safe knife holders Use a sheath when possible Keep knives in a secure location out of walking areas Complete knife training 	Moderate	
Sharpening a knife	Cuts, lacerations, stab,	High	Minimisation of Risk: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sharpen away from body when possible Hold knife firmly Use cut resistant gloves Ask for help if unsure Complete knife training 	Moderate	
Dropping a knife	Cuts, lacerations, stab wound	Moderate	Minimisation of Risk: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Never catch a dropped knife Wear steel cap boots Clean knife after collecting Account for all knives after each use Complete knife training 	Low	
Cleaning a dirty knife	Cuts, lacerations, stab wound, product contamination	Moderate	Minimisation of Risk: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use cut resistant gloves Use a brush and salt water, sanitizer Wash with blade facing away from you Stow knives safely when complete Complete knife training 	Low	
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Risk Assessment Matrix

Likelihood Potential it may happen	Consequence Severity of harm that may occur as result of accident from this risk				
	Pain / Discomfort (Physio resolves)	Minor (First Aid, modified duties)	Moderate (Medical treatment, modified duties)	Major (Non-fatal, serious harm injury, Lost Time)	Severe (One or more fatalities)
Almost Certain Is expected to occur in most circumstances. Has occurred at least once.	Moderate	High	High	Extreme	Extreme
Likely Will probably occur in most circumstances. Has occurred at least once in the last 3 months.	Moderate	Moderate	High	High	Extreme
Possible Might occur at some time. Has occurred at least once in the last year.	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	High	Extreme
Unlikely Could occur at some time. Has not occurred in the last 12 months.	Low	Moderate	Moderate	High	High
Rare May occur in exceptional circumstances. Has not occurred.	Low	Low	Moderate	Moderate	High

Risk Level	Immediate Corrective Action
Extreme	No work to be conducted until risk has been reduced. If the risk cannot be reduced, the skipper, or a trained and competent delegate, must be informed – work may not commence until they have authorised the task in writing
High	Requires skipper authorisation and signature of risk assessment
Medium	Requires skipper authorisation and signature of risk assessment
Low	Monitor