

TOOLBOX TALK — HAND TOOLS AND BLADES — THE CUT THAT WAS NEVER REPORTED

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Five to ten minutes at the workplace, spoken by the supervisor, recorded below — and two-way, or it is not a talk

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WHY THIS TALK: Knives, chisels and hammers send people to A&E all the time, and nobody talks about it because each one is small. A blade slip that opens a tendon ends a trade as surely as a fall.

1 THE SESSION

SITE / PROJECT	DELIVERED BY	DATE	TIME

2 THE POINTS TO MAKE — TICK AS COVERED, IN YOUR OWN WORDS

- Right tool for the job: a screwdriver is not a chisel, a spanner is not a hammer, a knife is not a saw — improvising is where the slip starts
 - Inspect before use: mushroomed heads, split handles, loose heads, dull blades — a blunt knife needs more force and slips further
 - Blades: cut away from the body and the other hand, retract when not cutting, and use a hooked or safety blade where the site says
 - Cut-resistant gloves for the hand not holding the blade, and a stable surface to cut on — never on your knee or in mid-air
 - Chisels and bolsters with hand guards; eye protection every time steel hits steel — chips fly and eyes do not grow back
 - Carry tools in belts or bags, not pockets and not in your hand on a ladder — and put them down, do not throw them
 - Every cut is cleaned and dressed at the first-aid point and written in the book — an infected hand from a dirty cut is days lost
- MADE SPECIFIC TO THIS SITE

3 ASK THE CREW — AND WRITE DOWN WHAT COMES BACK

- What is the most knackered hand tool on your gang right now?
- Who cut themselves in the last month and never went to the first-aid box?
- Which cutting job this week could be done with a safer blade or a different tool?

WHAT THE CREW RAISED, AND WHAT HAPPENS ABOUT IT

4 WHO WAS THERE

NAME	COMPANY	SIGNATURE

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