

OLFA Knife and Cutter Safety Tips

General Safety Considerations

Your Olfa Industrial Cutter is constructed of the highest quality materials possible! It is designed to provide unparalleled cutting performance under even the most demanding industrial applications. As with any tool, safe operation must be the #1 priority. Remember cutters and knives are designed to cut! The following information is provided to help reduce injuries and to ensure satisfactory use of Olfa Products:

Maintenance

Always visually inspect your cutter before use. Check for damage, excessive wear and ease of operation. Make certain all moving parts are free from debris and that the tool is clean.

Check The Blade

A dull blade is an unsafe blade. Significantly more force is required to make a cut with a dull or worn blade than with a sharp one. Further, always begin a cutting job with a fresh blade segment.

Use The Cutter As A Cutter

Many injuries occur when cutter & knives are used for purposes other than those for which the product was designed. Never use a cutter for any purpose other than cutting. Further, never strike the cutter with a hammer or similar device to "force" a cut. This will eventually lead to cutter failure and potential injury.

Pay Close Attention to the Blades!

Olfa Products feature outstanding blade adjustability. On segmented blades (snap-off cutters), **NEVER EXTEND THE BLADE TO A POINT WHERE THE BLADE SEGMENT LINE IS PAST THE END OF THE STAINLESS STEEL CHANNEL. IT IS IMPORTANT TO ONLY USE ONE SEGMENT AT A TIME.**

Use The Blade Lock

A unique feature of many Olfa Products is the positive ratchet wheel blade lock. Always be certain this lock is secure before attempting to make cuts.

Pay Attention!

Always be alert and attentive when using a cutter or knife. Take the time to fully learn the correct use and limitations of any cutter. Never assume that you know how to properly use a knife.