



Zero Fatalities
Zero Lost Time
Zero Road/Speed Incidents
Zero Environmental Incidents
Zero Tolerance of Unsafe Behaviours & Practices



PF Olsen Toolbox Safety Alert 19

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Focus Group: QC, Plotting etc.

Topic: Care Using Hand Tools

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Incident: A worker was cutting the older 'taped on' markings from the QC Pole and thought he had made the pole stable enough before using his pocketknife. However, the pole moved which caused the knife to slip and he cut his hand.

Injury Details: Puncture wound with high potential for tendon damage.

Risk Awareness: With so many big risks in forestry it is easy to become casual around seemingly lesser operations and underestimate the likelihood of harm. Incorrect use of a sharp hand tool can cause a deep puncture or laceration that may prevent the use of a hand (for several weeks) or open the body to a hard-to-cure infection.

Safe Behaviours: The [ACOP 3.8.1](#) states that gloves of the appropriate material shall be worn when there is the potential for harm. [Section 18](#) of the GRWM Regulations 2016 also states that workers have a duty to wear PPE. Here are some further tips:

1. Use the right tool for the job – right size and right type.
2. Use a tool for its intended purpose e.g. a knife is for cutting not levering.
3. Stand correctly and direct sharp points and edges away from the body.

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