

Restriction of Open/Lock Blade Knives

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To eliminate exposure of mine site personnel (including contractors) to the hazards associated with open/lock-blade knives.

2 POLICY REQUIREMENTS

Open/Lock-blade Knives (knives with blades that do not retract automatically, such as, typical Stanley knife, penknife, Leatherman®, etc.) are prohibited for the purpose of performing work on company property except for approved applications. In order for an application to be approved, it must meet the following criteria:

Only company-provided open/lock-blade knives are approved for use (no personal knives such as penknives, Leatherman® tools, etc. are acceptable for use).

Each site shall develop a method/procedure to control the purchase and distribution of open/lock-blade knives

An SOP must be developed for open/lock-blade knife use that clearly states the methods to be used and the PPE required to complete the job or task.

The SOP must include at a minimum the following:

- Use of, at a minimum, Level 4 cut resistant PPE (gloves, sleeves, aprons, etc)
- A requirement to store the knife or knives with the required PPE, and with the blade closed when not in use

Approved Applications: Applications for using open/lock-blade knives shall be reviewed and approved by the Site Safety Manager or Department Head. A list of approved applications for each site will be forwarded to Corporate Safety and Health.

Non-retractable open blade knives will not be authorized for use, other than for an approved application.