Utility Knife Safety

When cutting:

- Keep the thumb of the hand holding the knife on top of the box.
- Keep the thumb out of the line of the cut.
- Maintain the knife parallel with the floor.
- Always keep the free hand out of the line of the cut.
- Pay attention to what you are doing.



Always keep a sharp blade in the knife.

Do all cutting in a well-lighted area.

Inspect the box before you cut. Check for staples or other similar items that may impede the cutting blade.

Always retract the blade when not in use.

Properly dispose of blades into a cut resistant container.

Do not attempt to cut anything with a utility knife that requires excessive force.



Rockwood Casualty Insurance Company (Rockwood) may provide safety management services to its insureds in order to reduce the risk of loss that may lead to insurance claims. The information and advice we provide is not intended to include all possible safety measures and controls. Rockwood does not warrant that losses and claims will be avoided or mitigated if our recommendations are followed. The safety management services we provide do not relieve the insured of its own duties and obligations with regard to safety matters, nor does Rockwood guarantee to the insured or others that the insured's property and/or operations are safe, healthful, or in compliance with applicable laws, regulations or standards. The insured remains responsible for its own operations, safety practices and procedures and should consult with legal counsel and safety professionals, of its own choosing, as it deems appropriate.

Safety Tip # 228 09-24-08