

LIVING ON THE EDGE

30
MILLION
BOX CUTTERS
ARE SOLD YEARLY

The most common way to unpack merchandise is also the most costly. Physical lacerations, lost labor and damaged goods are frequent side effects of using a box cutter to open a package. The costs associated with such accidents are in the billions.

WORKERS AT RISK:

Of the 3.6 million work-related injuries treated in emergency rooms across the United States, hands and fingers are the most commonly treated body parts.

70% OF CUTS AND ABRASIONS ARE TO HANDS AND FINGERS

1 OF EVERY 150 WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIM IS FOR THE LOSS OF A FINGER OR A THUMB

While studies vary, cuts and lacerations often rank at the top as the most frequent workplace injury:



REPORTED CASES PER INDUSTRY SEGMENT:

15.6% Leisure/hospitality
15.4% Construction
12.0% Retail
11.9% Manufacturing
10.0% Farming

CAUSES OF MANUAL CUTTING LACERATIONS:

- Personal protective equipment not provided.
- Cut-resistant gloves are not cut-proof (do not completely eliminate the potential for cuts).
- Pulling cutting utensil toward self.
- Catching falling utensil.
- Inability to keep fingers out of the way.

LOST LABOR:

Besides the personal cost of a work accident, businesses must absorb financial losses that result from lacerations. On average, a single cut or laceration costs employers:

\$36,500

AVERAGE 4 DAYS
TO RECUPERATE



ONE MILLION US WORKERS RECEIVE EMERGENCY TREATMENT FOR ACUTE HAND INJURIES. 110,000 OF SAID WORKERS WITH HAND AND FINGER INJURIES LOSE DAYS OF WORK.

LOST MERCHANDISE:

Damaged and unsaleable products cost manufacturers 1-2% of their total gross sale (all which are preventable expenses), with a total loss of:

\$15B/YR

Damaged merchandise is the most common type of unsaleable product among manufacturers.

