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KNIFE HANDLING SAFETY TIPS



✓ Do

- ✓ Keep knives sharpened and let other staff know when knives are newly sharpened.
- ✓ Use a knife only for its intended purpose.
- ✓ Use the appropriate knife for the job. Always use a cutting board.
- ✓ Carry knives with the point down and the cutting edge away from your body.
- ✓ Store knives properly in racks or knife sheaths close to areas where they are used.
- ✓ Clean knives immediately after use.
- ✓ At all times, be in control of your knife blade, your body, and the food you are cutting.

✗ Don't

- ✗ Touch knife blades.
- ✗ Try and catch a falling knife. Let it fall.
- ✗ Hand a knife to someone. Put it down on the counter and let them pick it up.
- ✗ Leave a knife soaking in a sink of water.
- ✗ Be distracted while using a knife.
- ✗ Use your knife for purposes other than its intended purpose.
- ✗ Use knives with damaged handles or blades.
- ✗ Cut in a motion that points towards to your body.

Questions/Concerns?

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