

SAFETY ASSESSMENT FORM

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| Kitchen Task | | |
| RA Ref No: | | |
| Assessor | Job Title | |
| Assessment task: Using knives | | |
| Persons at risk | Frequency | Details |
| Staff | | |
| Hazard No | Hazard description | How are persons affected |
| 1 | Cuts or blisters whilst using knives etc | Knives or similar equipment cut users. Incorrect handling damaged handles can cause blisters |
| 2 | Cuts to hands while washing up | Bladed equipment can cause cuts if hidden in soapy water |
| 3 | Musculo-skeletal injuries/Repetitive Strain Injuries | Injuries to hands or wrists through continuous cutting or chopping |
| 4 | Knives falling from work surfaces | Falling blades can cause injuries to legs or feet, and can become trip/slip hazards |
| 5 | Cross contamination | Cross contamination of foodstuffs can spread bacteria |
| Probability (P) | | |
| Probability (P) | 5=very likely, 4=likely, 3=quite possible, 2=possible, 1=unlikely | |
| Severity (S) | 5=fatal, 4=severe, 3=moderate, 2=slight, 1=negligible | |
| Risk (R) | 0-8=low risk, no action required. 9-15=medium risk, adequate control measures required. 16-25=high risk, urgent action required | |
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| Assessment Date | | Review Dates / Initials | |
| y disabled? | | Comments | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No | | | |
| Existing controls | Further controls / action | | |
| Ensure all knives are sharp to avoid slippage. User to ensure they use the correct knife | Ensure damaged items are removed from use. Wear mesh gloves | | |
| Knives not to be left unattended while washing up water | | | |
| Limit amount of time spent on the type of works | Use mechanical means for bulk chopping | | |
| Ensure all knives are returned to their storage area/rack after use | Take care not to leave knives close to the edges of worktops | | |
| Ensure knives are cleaned thoroughly before use. Knives are not to be used for raw foods from different groups | Ensure all users are aware of cross contamination | | |
| Control measures | | | |
| Stop operation & implement control measures | | | |