



Colorado Safer Knives Program

Purpose:

To introduce safer cutting devices into the business where it is possible to reduce the risk of laceration and puncture injuries to our employees. The program includes a list of approved cutting devices, safe use procedures, and the process to request alternative cutting devices on site. This program applies to employees, contractors and visitors at all three operating sites in Colorado: Climax Mine, Henderson Mine, and Henderson Mill.

Definitions

Cutting Device - Any handheld, non-powered cutting tool with a blade. This includes all types of utility knives, hooked blade cutters, folding knives and multitools with a blade. For the purpose of this program, this excludes scissor-style tools with blades and cutlery knives.

Auto-Retract Safety Knife - A cutting device with retractable blade that requires the user to hold down a trigger to keep the blade exposed.

Smart-Retract Safety Knife - A cutting device with retractable blade that requires the user to both hold down a trigger and maintain contact with a cutting surface to keep the blade exposed.

Approved Cutting Devices

The below products are approved and to be stocked at on-site Warehouses:

Product Photo	Product Description	WHS Code	Safety Features
	KNIFE;SFTY,QBA R,6 IN LG,3/8 IN DP,CS	40855035	Smart-Retract, Replaceable Safety-Tip Blades

	KNIFE;SFTY,RET RCBL,7 IN LG,0.87,0.47,CS	40855036	Auto-Retract, Depth Selection
	KNIFE;SFTY,RET RCBL,7 IN LG,1- 1/16 IN,CS	40855039	Smart-Retract, Replaceable Safety-Tip Blades
	KNIFE;SFTY,HK CUTR,7 IN LG,0.23 IN DP,CS	40855037	Recessed cut blade, piercing tooth, Replaceable Heads
	MATERIAL DESCRIPTION [IN PROGRESS]	MATERIAL CODE [IN PROGRESS]	Replacement Blades for Material Code 40855035
	MATERIAL DESCRIPTION [IN PROGRESS]	MATERIAL CODE [IN PROGRESS]	Replacement Blades for Material Codes 40855036, 40855039
	MATERIAL DESCRIPTION [IN PROGRESS]	MATERIAL CODE [IN PROGRESS]	Replacement Head for Material Code 40855037

Additionally, the products below are approved for use but not stocked at site:

Product Photo	Product Description	Model Number	Grainger Item Number/Link
	SLICE Auto- Retract Mini Cutter	10514	43Y397

	SLICE Safety Cutter	00200	6XVP9
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Managing Non-Approved Cutting Devices and Variance Process

Any cutting device not approved for site is not allowed in industrial areas or for work-related activities on site. All employees and contractors have the responsibility to hold all individuals on site accountable to this program. If an individual is found with a non-approved cutting device, have a conversation to remind them of our site expectations and have them dispose of the device. If the device is personal property, the individual can instead store the device in a safe location (lunch box, locker or personal vehicle) and remove from site at end of shift. Regardless of device source, notify the individual's supervision of the interaction.

If a task requires a cutting device and the conditions/material/process makes the approved cutting devices in this program ineffective, a Supervisor may request a [Health & Safety Variance](#) to approve an alternate tool. The Variance Request will include input from department leadership and Safety to review alternative controls and tools prior to submission. Each Variance is task-specific and use of the cutting device outside the task is not allowed.

Safe Use Procedures

When using any cutting device on site, the following is required:

- Follow [FXX-HS29 Standard Safety Requirements Policy](#) for Hand and Power Tools.
 - o Approved site cut-resistant sleeves and gloves are found in either **Henderson Operations Cut Glove Policy** or **Climax PPE Catalog>Hand Protection** (speak with your Project Manager or Health & Safety for copies).
- Always cut away from body/persons to reduce exposure risk
- If cutting device was approved using a Variance, keep the approved Variance accessible in the field or in Supervisor's office