

CLOVER SAFE #20



GENERAL KNIFE SAFETY

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission data indicate in 2005 more than 80,000 youth aged five to 19 years were treated in hospitals for injuries received while using knives. Most injuries occurred to the fingers (64%) followed by hands (20%), forearms (4%), and wrists (2%). Nearly all of the injuries were lacerations with a relatively small number of puncture wounds. Many of the injuries were caused by the knife user being careless or inattentive and could have been prevented by taking several simple precautions. For

additional information about knife safety, go to the Clover Safe note at:

<http://ucanr.org/cloversafe>.

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